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Benoit, Appleton Stellar in Title Defenses

Mattapoissett Road Race

By Jeffrey D. Wagner

For the second consecutive year, Will Benoit finished first overall, and Margot Appleton finished first among female racers at the 52nd annual Mattapoissett July 4 Road Race.

More importantly, a record number 1,354 competitors registered to run in a race that annually raises scholarship money for Old Rochester Regional High School students. On average, around \$18,000 is raised annually, according to organizer Caty Fuerman.

"It's a wonderful community event," said Fuerman, who added that there are signs and T-shirts hanging all along side streets in support of the runners, as well as music being played at homes along the course to give participants a boost.

The July 4 sky was clear, and the temperature at Shipyard Park was perfect for runners.

Bill Tilden, the lead event organizer, said that this year marked a record number of participants. He noted that the breezy weather likely attracted more people, including 600 people to sign up one week before the race.

Tilden said the 4-mile course, rather than 5, makes it appealing for runners looking to get some training.

Benoit, a UMass Lowell student, brought his track friends from college, who challenged each other and ran well. Before the race, Tilden predicted that Benoit and his friends would run well and present a strong challenge to the local competition.

Benoit, 21, finished the 4 miles in 19:25.5, beating his record last year. Benoit's friend Ethan Mashtare, 20, finished at 19:42.8, also beating out Benoit's winning time from last year.

"I'm happy to keep up with him," Mashtare, a resident of St. Albans, Vermont.

Appleton, 21, of Mattapoissett, ran in the United

States Olympic trials before running the Mattapoissett race. She said she ran against professionals and hopes to try out again in four years.

"You definitely can't do it forever," she said, expressing her desire to keep on competing. "(Running in the Olympic trials) was a really good opportunity."

Appleton said she has been running in the Mattapoissett July 4 Road Race since middle school. Her 22:19.7 winning time made it consecutive years for her as top female finisher. Appleton currently runs at the University of Virginia.

Anna Weirich came in second among all lady runners, 6.7 seconds behind Appleton with a 22:26.4 time. Weirich, who also has been running for several years, said that was her best time yet. The 20-year-old California resident says her mother has a summer home in Mattapoissett. Weirich said she likes to stop in at the annual race every year.

Finishing 13th overall, Margot Appleton was the first of four consecutive women crossing the finish line

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On the Cover: The 2024 Mattapoissett July 4, 4-mile Road Race was greeted by nearly ideal conditions and drew a record 1,354 registered runners. The event has raised an annual \$18,000 in scholarship funds for the benefit of Old Rochester Regional High School students, a number expected to rise in synch with the record number of race competitors. Photo by Mick Colageo

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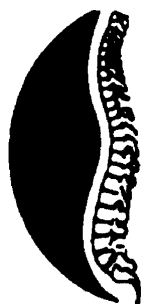
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ahead of the next man. Marion's Kimberly Dixon, 31, was third among women at 23:16.3 (chip time), and Olivia Mondo, 28, of Manchester, Connecticut, was fourth at 23:25.6.

Appleton's 23-year-old brother David Appleton was sixth overall in 21:14.3.

Other local finishers in the top 25 were 29-year-old Tim Bolick of Marion (fourth overall in 20:52.3), 21-year-old Sean Brown of Acushnet (ninth overall in 21:43.8), 18-year-old Tyler Young of Marion (11th overall in 22:06.9), 20-year-old Ian Pereira of Fairhaven (17th overall in 23:46.6), 17-year-old Nicolas Huaco of Marion (21st overall in 24:09.8) and 20-year-old Charlie Jactiviez of Mattapoissett (24th overall in 24:33.3).

Sucker Punched

This Mattapoissett Life

By Marilou Newell

Oh sweet summer. Flowers bloom throughout the land and bird song fills the air. Plants forgotten over the long, cold, winter months (well chilly winter at least) burst forth in their own version of the Hallelujah Chorus, as we attempt to stem the weeds. Forget that the deer are also enjoying the fruits of our labor. Forget the caterpillars and snails that feast upon it all. This is summer and we love it. But wait. In every blue sky, there is a dark cloud.

Recently I woke up feeling less than chipper. As the day progressed, I was sinking deeper into some sort of malaise. I called the doc's office, explained the nasal congestion and overall rotten feeling now accompanied by a fever of 100. "Must be a sinus infection," I tell the nurse. She asks me to come into the office but to arrive at the back door used for suspected Covid cases. Covid?!#\$\$@

My husband helps me into the back-door lobby area as my legs do their best not to buckle. Good grief, this sucks.

The nurse confirms the fever and does the other necessary stuff, asking, "Have you been around anyone with Covid recently?" There it is again, Covid. No, I haven't been around anyone, except at the grocery store, other doc offices, library, committee meetings, garden

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I'm incensed! I have faithfully received every booster vaccine available and in a timely manner. Up until recently, I washed down canned goods and cleaned doorknobs. How could I possibly have had my body invaded by those viral goonies? The physician assistant explains that Covid is a very fast-mutating contagion. Like a shape shifter, it outsmarts vaccines upon first taste and wins through its superior speed. Winner and still champion, I can now attest.

I'm crestfallen. On the way home after receiving a script for Pavlovic, said to decrease Covid symptoms, especially in the elderly and immunocompromised (another blow to my eroding sense of being in command of my ship, you know the body), I slowly accept this latest sucker punch.

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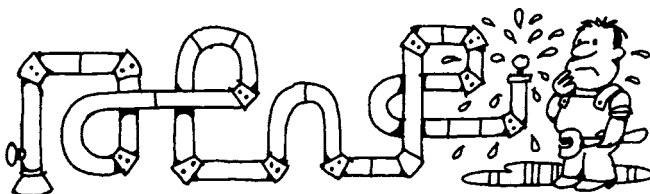
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By the way, I took only one dose of that medication before declaring it “foul as drinking gasoline.” I’m assuming that, of course, having never really tasted the stuff.

Living with chronic pain and other discomforts is a way of life, and many reading this I’m sure can relate. But illnesses are a different breed of troublemaker. Illnesses swim around inside the host, the human body, taking whatever it wants while you use up a box of tissues and flip through the 1,000 bits of programming available on cable TV but finding nothing, save reruns from the Dick Van Dyke show.

I tried reading one of the books from one of the stacks I have stashed throughout the house. I think, “Use this setback to read that book your cousin sent you three years ago.” As I read the introduction, I’m drifting into the first of several naps this rotten bug demands.

In the dream that follows, I’m flying above a gathering crowd assembled to hear my message – “wash your hands – don’t stand so close to me (yes, I hear Sting singing in the background) – stay away from crowded places.”

Upon coming to from that dream state, I think of those early Covid days. I was washing and spraying bleach on everything that came through the front door, including canned goods and one husband. One day as I was telling him to wash his hands, he reeled back and hollered “I can’t take this anymore!” I quietly gave him space. It was tense times, and we were all doing the best we could.

Covid brought out the best and the worst in people and it politized healthcare. Either you were labeled a liberal for following Dr. Fauci’s recommendations or you were a Trump supporter. It was, I believe, the beginning of a huge divide in communities across the country. The very nation was split in two. While the virus did its worst, we all struggled to try and live with some sort of normalcy. We did manage, but others were lost forever, both figuratively and in reality.

Now as I sequester myself, roaming amongst the flowers in my yard nourishing my soul, I’m reminded “this too shall pass,” and for me, “this is not a problem.”

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Female 1-13: 1. N. Czerkowicz, 12, Mattapoisett, 31:05.1; 2. Zoe Papadakis, 13, Mattapoisett, 33:04.6; 3. Grace Lynch, 13, Franklin, 34:44.6.

Female 14-18:

1. Isabelle Mondo, 18, Mattapoisett, 25:52.1; 2. Madalena Morris, 16, New Bedford, 27:51.5; 3. Madalyn Duarte, 16, North Dartmouth, 28:48.0.

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By Dick Morgado

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If they do capture it, mine it and return the motherload back to earth, they say every person on earth would become a billionaire. Unfortunately, NASA has announced that their intention is not to mine the treasure, but only to study it. Bummer.

There goes my get-rich-quick scheme. Still one can dream, can't one?

What would I do with a billion dollars? Well, I'll tell you what I wouldn't do, I wouldn't buy a bunch of mansions and five vintage cars like Edwin Castro did in California. He won a billion-dollar lottery prize in 2022. His neighbors at one of his \$25,000,000 mansions

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are Leonardo DiCaprio and Ariana Grande. I'm sure they wouldn't want me as their neighbor ... nor I them. I understand they throw big parties, and I'm not a big party guy.

Let me see, if I splurged and spent a million dollars a day, it would take 1,000 days or 2.7 years to go broke. I'd be better off putting it in a savings account, but only \$250,000 is insured so that wouldn't be very smart. If I took the billion in ones, it would be a stack 68 miles high, too big to stash under my pillow.

I could buy Tom Brady's new 30,000 square-foot house. My current house is 1,400 square feet. I'd get lost in his for sure. No, that's out. How about an island? I saw one on Google just off the coast of Greece that's going for \$43,300,000. Naw, too far away. Something a bit closer would be more to my liking. Say, one in the Caribbean that is listed for \$29,000,000. I'd still need a plane to get there. I heard one rich billionaire who recently held high office is selling a 757 jet for the small sum of \$100,000,000. I guess he needs the money.

Maybe, a yacht would fit the bill. A Russian oligarch's former boat is on the market for a cool \$263,000,000. Even if I had a billion dollars, that's too rich for me just to get to a Caribbean Island. I was brought up to be very frugal.

It occurs to me, if NASA were to make every person on the planet a billionaire, who'd clean my mega mansion ... not me! Who'd fly my jet or sail my yacht? Who'd grow our food, make our cars and clothing. Who'd make anything? Everyone would just sit around with nothing to do except count their money.

That would get boring fast.

Hey NASA, go ahead keep your asteroid. I am happy buying lottery tickets even if I never win.

Mattapoisett resident Dick Morgado is an artist and happily retired writer. His newspaper columns appeared for many years in daily newspapers around Boston.

How Much Water Do You Need?

What Does The Doctor Say?

By Dr. Edward Hoffer

It depends!

Water truly is life – we can go without eating for weeks and survive but get very sick if we do not get adequate water for a few days.

You are doubtless familiar with “rules” such as the need to drink 8 glasses of water a day. The problem with relying on such simple rules is that the real answer truly is “it depends.”

A man who is 6-foot-5 and weighs 205 pounds needs more water than a woman who is 5-4 and weighs 110.

It is currently sunny and pushing 90 degrees F. Walking up to get the mail left me sweating. We clearly need more water under these conditions than we do when it is 65 and shady.

People doing physical work outdoors in the heat need more water than those sitting at desks in air-conditioned offices.

"Water" includes most other liquids such as herbal tea and fruit juice – but not caffeinated drinks or alcohol, which tend to pull water out of the body.

Finally, and perhaps less obvious, we do not get water only by drinking. Many foods, particularly fruits and vegetables, contain significant amounts of water. Our habitual diet will change the amount of water we need.

Then how do you know how much water to drink? A simple, reliable way to assess this is to look at your urine. If your urine is dilute – clear to pale yellow in color – you are adequately hydrated. If your urine is closer to apple juice than lemonade in color, you are dehydrated and need to drink more.

If your urine is very dark, you ought to seek medical attention, as you may need intravenous fluids.

Do not depend on thirst as your sole indicator. If you are thirsty, you are probably somewhat dehydrated, but lack of thirst is not as reliable as the color of your urine.

So: drink up!

Edward Hoffer MD is Associate Professor of Medicine, part-time, at Harvard.



Board Not Ready to Sell Road Plan

Marion Select Board

By Mick Colageo

The Marion Select Board held a special, one-agenda item, public meeting on July 3 in which its three members heard from Jared Duval and Fran Conroy of TEC, a company the town hired to analyze its 28 miles of public roadway and propose a maintenance plan.

Most notably, Select Board member Randy Parker struggled with TEC's proposal prioritizing widespread preventative maintenance in Year 1 of its three-year plan over desperately needed repairs to eroded ways such as Delano Road.

The theory presented by TEC basically asserts

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that a “worst-first” mentality is more costly in the long run because, while it would invest in roads badly needing intervention, it would thereby allow the vast majority of better roads to slip into more-desperate categories.

Parker argued that if Marion has a stretch of road that gets a 70 Pavement Condition Index (PCI) score, for instance, “that didn’t get used enough, that would be one that we could put off and we could actually look at one that is worse and traveled a lot more.”

Parker contends that Converse Road and Point Road are heavily traveled and therefore needier for repairs and maintenance. Motivated by budgeting, Parker hopes roads not heavily traveled can be identified and maintenance projects put off longer than those more

urgently needed on busier roads. He said the program as presented will be hard to sell to taxpayers.

Select Board Chairman Norm Hills articulated concerns about the limitations of Chapter 90 (state-reimbursement) funding and thinks the town would be better served by investing more money so it can be more aggressive with the plan and not fall further behind the maintenance needs of town roads once the three-year program has been completed.

Chapter 90 funding for FY24 in Marion was \$170,000, barely half the \$325,000 annually required to maintain Marion’s 71.80 PCI rating. The \$525,000 it takes to address a five-point network PCI increase (making improvements) would cost nearly three times the Chapter 90 budget.

If the town approves TEC’s recommended three-year budget approach, an initial \$350,000 would be spent, followed by two consecutive fiscal-year investments of \$170,000, totaling \$690,000. This approach would presumably position the town to proactively treat roads otherwise in danger of dropping into a “lower treatment band.”

As proposed, no major rehabilitation would be included in Year 1 of TEC’s proposal, leaving a total of 11.2 miles to be addressed at an estimated cost of \$680,000. Duval said TEC estimates that to perform the Major Rehabilitation on the 1.25 miles (or 5%) where it is needed would cost an estimated \$1,000,000, far exceeding the available budget.

Hills also asked about a five-year plan; Duval said choosing between a three- or five-year trajectory is discretionary, but he prefers three years.

“Once you get beyond three years, thing get a little less concrete,” said Duval, referencing issues that arise with infrastructure. “Your data’s going to be most accurate if you are going boots on the ground, getting back out there on a fairly short timeframe.”

Initially developed by another company, Marion put its Pavement Management Program (PMP) in place in 2018. In November 2023, TEC was contracted to reinspect, report on and plan regarding Marion’s roadways and culverts. In February, TEC developed a draft report, a

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database and a three-year plan considered viable through May.

Based on feedback from Marion's Department of Public Works, TEC finalized its analysis and summary reporting and pavement database and three-year plan through May 2024. Duval said the goal of the maintenance plan is to, "at least try to maintain your average network conditions or improve them if possible."

He displayed a Pavement Condition Index graph in which segments of roadway are assigned a numerical rating from 0 to 100 to grade those segments' health. For surfaces lacking recommended maintenance, Duval said once deterioration begins it tends to move quickly. Perennial maintenance, he said, delays costly major repairs.

TEC used a 10-foot square to sample roads and estimate maintenance work needed to establish a field-data collection and thereby assign a Pavement Condition Index (PCI). The roadway inventory consists of both the town's inventory and that of the state Department of Transportation. Five basic PCI scoring ranges match general assessments, such as "Excellent, Good, Fair, Deficient and Poor," each classified according to the most value-based maintenance plan.

Marion's 71.80 PCI represents a "fair condition" roadway network, according to Duval, who told the board that major repairs are required on 1.25 miles or 5% of Marion's network. The "estimated backlog" – what it would cost Marion in the moment to handle all recommendations – is \$5,900,000.

Parker asked if traffic flow is considered in TEC's recommendations. Duval answered in the affirmative.

In summarizing the Cost Benefit Value, Duval used a weighted factor on a 1-to-5 scale, identifying Main and Spring streets as Arterial (5), Front Street as a Collector (4), Hurricane and School Zones (3), Local roads (2) and Dead Ends/Cul-de-sacs (1).

TEC's three-year plan would address 40% of Marion's roadways. Routine maintenance would apply to 7.23 miles at an estimated cost of \$139,000. Preventative maintenance would apply to 3.38 miles at an estimated cost of \$228,000. Minor Rehabilitation would apply to 0.59



miles at an estimated cost of \$313,000. Any curb work or sidewalks would result in additional costs.

DPW Director Becky Tilden noted that the department has an ongoing evaluation on all Marion sidewalks.

Select Board member Toby Burr asked how the frequency of field-inspection work would affect the cost; two experienced inspectors would cost from \$10,000 to \$15,000, according to Duval.

Duval said traffic volume puts Converse Road on the top-15 list for crack-seal treatment. More work is needed, but Duval recommended waiting until a subsequent year of the plan so as not to gobble up the Year 1 budget.

Parker sought Conroy's expertise on Delano



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Road. Tilden explained that a water issue is delaying Delano's inclusion as a priority. Duval said sections of Point Road and Front Street were also considered but omitted from Year 1 due to scheduled utility work. Parker countered that significant sections of Delano Road should be included now and not delayed until the entire road can be addressed at once.

TEC recommends against using up the entire budget on major rehabilitation on Delano Road because of the resultant vulnerability of many other roads it says could slip into lower strata and become more costly in the long run.

Town Administrator Geoff Gorman said TEC's plan is based on the existing budget, but Parker argued the idea "is to get the best bang for our dollars..." He compared spreading Chapter 90 money on many minor rehabilitation projects as Christmas wrapping "just to say, 'we're doing something.'"

Duval acknowledged Parker's concerns but argued for the value of crack-sealing because it prevents water infiltration. He disagreed with Parker's priority toward the town's worst roads, saying a neglected Converse Road could cost \$1,000,000 per mile.

"I know it's not a popular opinion, but some of the roads that are already down in that major-rehab (predicament). They're not going to get much worse," said Duval.

It was suggested that Delano Road belongs in a capital-request category requiring a Town Meeting approval of funding.

"Well, that's what we should be doing," said Parker.

Acknowledging the Chapter 90 budget, Hills suggested allocating \$170,000 annually over a four-year period, an idea Tilden said can be arranged. "The biggest problem we've got ... we don't have enough money to do any of this," said Hills.

Duval said some towns approve a Chapter 90 match in Town Meeting, allowing them to do more projects.

The meeting batted around funding scenarios, and Conroy pointed out that Chapter 90 funding for road

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maintenance emanates from the gasoline tax and not from property-tax dollars.

DPW engineer Meghan Davis said that crack-seal is a treatment that the town would necessarily contract and not perform internally.

Conroy also said asphalt is made with thinner oil than it was, say, 30 years ago, and new processes add to the difference to the point that polymers are needed to restore some of the properties missing. "Fogseal" is a way to protect today's weaker asphalt mixes in newer roads.

In summary, Duval presented Plan Year 1 as addressing 25% of the network and asserting that the recommended maintenance will increase the town's PCI by .67 (from 71.80 to 72.47). He said Years 2 and 3 dip back



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down because the project at that juncture relies totally on state funding.

Burr asked about the timeline, namely how soon Marion could engage TEC's plan. He was told there are contracts in place and some projects could be underway within two weeks of the meeting. He was told work has already been done under the contract in some cases.

Hills and Parker agreed that the town needs a line item to get ahead of the process. Tilden said a line item exists but is limited to items such as patching pot holes.

Parker reiterated the need to address the priority roads in town. Conroy laid out two options: one a yearly line item increase for the DPW to perform road reconstruction, the other to get an estimate for a particular project that would go to Town Meeting and then the ballot box as a yes-or-no vote.

Tilden asked for action from the board, but the members opted to mull it over and wait to announce its decision at their July 16 meeting.

The next meeting of the Marion Select Board is scheduled for Tuesday, July 16, at 6:00 pm at the Marion Police Station on Route 6.

Road Construction Committee Tabled

Mattapoisett Select Board

By Marilou Newell

The July 9 meeting of the Mattapoisett Select Board was a bit bumpy, as discussion resumed in the matter of selecting residents to be seated on the new village roadway committee.

When the agenda item was heard, Select Board member Jodi Bauer said that no more than three people should be appointed to the advisory committee, while member Jordan Collyer said he would agree to five.

Member Tyler Macallister stated, "Forming

this committee is a mistake." He voiced his opinion that Mattapoisett may forfeit TIP monies by trying to control the project versus letting the state Department of Transportation do the job.

Collyer and Bauer both stuck to their decision regarding the number of committee members, deciding instead to think on the matter further in an effort to reach a consensus, thus tabling the matter until the next Select Board meeting on July 23.

Also speaking to the need for consensus was Bonne DaSousa, who defended the need for a roadway committee, saying it could help the town reach a consensus regarding various aspects of the proposed project.

Tree Committee Chairman Sandy Hering said that she has learned just how much latitude the DOT had sufficient to, "...making a project that suits towns." She stated that by showing the state agency the town has achieved a consensus, it would demonstrate, "...we want this project."

Other agenda items were heard before discussions once again returned to the village roads project.

DaSousa questioned cost estimates for the placement of utilities underground. A survey intended to gather village residents' appetite for a betterment of upwards of \$50,000 had been mailed to property owners in the village. DaSousa, who was admittedly surprised to receive the survey, sought clarification of how the estimates were calculated and what data had been used.

Macallister responded that DaSousa should not be surprised to have received the survey since it was what was requested by those supporting underground services. He explained that cost estimates were based on a project currently being installed and familiar to the town's engineers, VHB. He also said that VHB's figures were verified by Eversource and Verizon. He further stated that easements would have to be granted by property owners impacted by moving utilities underground and that, "...they don't want to do that."

In other matters, the Select Board will hold a public hearing for the placement of "No Parking" signs on Mattapoisett Neck Road near the entrance to the bike path. Other bike-path news shared by Town Administrator Mike Lorenzo was that the 25% design on phase 2A is nearly complete.

Lorenzo also reported that a parking area off Mattapoisett Neck Road is being planned with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation.

Bauer announced her resignation from the Mattapoisett Tree Committee after more than 20 years. She was thanked for her years of service. A refreshed Commission on Disability was formed and appointments made.

Lorenzo said there are still open seats on several committees, most notably the Finance Committee. Interested parties should contact the Select Board's office.

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The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Select Board is scheduled for Tuesday, July 23 (time to be announced).

Electrical Substation Proposed

Rochester Planning Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

Rochester's Planning Board Tuesday began reviewing Eversource's proposal for an electrical substation on 6.26 acres at 297 Rounseville Road.

The informal discussion of the plan started with Eversource representative Dan Hagen describing the project as an upgrade of electrical services in Rochester. Two larger transformers will quadruple power to the

area, he said. Two new transformers will be included. Some tree clearing will be necessary, but the proposed landscaping will include additional screening from the road.

Board member John DiMaggio asked if the new substation will increase noise in the neighborhood and how will it be lit.

Eversource representative John Zicko responded that new substation transformers are so acoustically treated, "we've had to touch them to make sure they are live." He added that the lighting that personnel will need for certain operations will normally be left off. "We will keep the lighting as reasonable as possible," he said.

Planning Board Chairman Arnold Johnson asked



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about the construction timeline. Hagen estimated that Eversource will start construction by the start of 2025, and the facility will open by the end of 2026.

Johnson concluded by instructing the applicants to speak to Town Planner Nancy Durfee about the filing application and fees. Eversource representatives said they will seek a waiver of the site plan review's traffic-study requirement. Johnson advised them to read the town's site-plan-review requirements before they compile their waiver requests.

In other action, the board again continued the three large projects on its agenda to its next (August 13) meeting. The modified site-plan-review application for Rochester Crossroads, 22 Cranberry Highway, which

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replaces a paved rear-access way to County Road with a gravel road, yielded discussion over whether to place a gate at the end of that road.

The applicant's engineering consultant, Philip Cordeiro, argued property owner Ken Steen wants that gate on the rear access road along County Road. Steen said, with the gate unauthorized, vehicles could use the road as a "cut-through" from the retail area to the residential parking lot.

Highway Surveyor Jeff Eldridge said he has been "anti-gate" since the project began for safety reasons. What if the gate is not opening when an emergency exit by residents is required? Eldridge explained.

Steen and Cordeiro said they could install gates that would open more easily than others. Johnson told them to bring in specifications on those kinds of gates on August 13.

The board continued its hearing into the request to extend for one year the Special Permit for the Braley Hill North solar facility, Braley Hill Road, after discussing insurance coverage that would indemnify the town should a catastrophic failure affect the solar array. The applicant's attorney, Gregory Sampson, was instructed to return on August 13 with the standard language for such an insurance contract. But, first, the board approved the bond amounts that the applicant must post: two-year landscaping bond, \$6,500; five-year landscaping bond, \$13,000, and the decommissioning bond, \$600,000.

The site-plan-review application hearing for a four-building, self-storage facility on County Road, which is part of the Rochester Crossroad project, was continued after Cordeiro asked the board for input as to whether the project could get a waiver of the requirement to include landscaping. All of the site's abutters are industrial, Cordeiro explained. Board members said they agreed only minimal landscaping is required because of the site.

In other business, the board signed the Certificate of Completion for Tree Talk Natives, LLC, the new tree nursery business on Vaughan Hill Road.

The Rochester Planning Board's next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 13, at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

Plant Project Waiting on DEP

MRV Water District Commission/Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee

By Mick Colageo

Asked during Tuesday's public meeting by Mattapoisett River Valley Water District Commission member Nick Nicholson to characterize the overall progress of the long-awaited filtering-systems upgrade at the Mattapoisett Water Treatment Plant, Tata & Howard engineer Jon Gregory indicated that the MRV is waiting on the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

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to go out to bid," said Gregory, telling the commissioners that the project is at a 95% stage of design. "It's just a question of procurement ... I hope we'll know a lot more at the next meeting (August 13) where we are with all of that. They (DEP) have everything for review."

The designer of the new filtering system, Koch Separation Systems, has been taken over by a company named Kovalus; the MRV is staying the course.

Commission Chairman Vinnie Furtado offered a sketch of funding history, noting that the MRV was originally denied on its loan application but that Representative William Straus stepped in to advocate for the project with a positive result. A lack of borrowing history since approximately 2006 factored in the delay.

"It's just been a litany of things," said Furtado, who joked that the state is waiting until he retires before allowing the MRV to upgrade the plant that serves four member communities, including Fairhaven, Mattapoisett, Marion and Rochester.

Asked by commissioner David Pierce regarding production of the new filters, Gregory said that the last time he was in touch with the manufacturer, the project was on schedule. There was "a slight issue" regarding the availability of high-density polyethylene pipe. "Construction will stay on schedule for those filters, as far as we know," said Gregory.

In his monthly Tata & Howard report, Gregory told the commission that FY25 chemical bids were opened



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in June, but that the MRV received no bids for liquid oxygen (bids were received for three other items). The good news, he reported, was that costs for the other items are down from FY24, especially citric acid which has fallen from \$1.69 per pound in FY24 to a current price of \$0.90 per pound.

Where it concerns equipment procurement and SRF funding, Gregory anticipates a \$987,750 reimbursement from MassDEP.

In his Treatment Plant Operations Update, Henri Renauld discussed a compressor repair and said the facility ran on power from a generator while running a test for a switch. He said Fall River Electric repaired subsequent issues.

"We're moving a lot of water ... everything's holding up fairly well," said Renauld, referencing issues with the control board but noting that "everything seems to be working well."

The MRV Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee, which meets for a half-hour before the MRV Water District Commission – the separate entities' memberships overlap almost entirely – plans to reach out and offer data and assistance to Michelle Tinger, principal environmental planner at the Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District (SRPEDD) regarding her June 28 letter to the committee.

SRPEDD is involved in a grant-funded Groundwater Modeling Study of the Mattapoisett River Watershed. As the letter explains, the agency received funding from the state Division of Ecological Restoration to begin preliminary work to better understand how groundwater and surface water flow between the neighboring Mattapoisett River and Assawompset Ponds Complex (APC) watersheds.

Described by Gregory as a preliminary modeling tool primarily focused on Snipatuit Pond's waterflow dynamics, presumably a key to understanding the divide between the two watersheds. Rochester-based engineer

Rick Charon explained that SRPEDD's involvement was requested by Rochester Town Planner Nancy Durfee.

"They're trying to figure out if there is contribution from the Snipatuit Pond into the Quittacas (ponds)," said Charon, indicating that there is some dredging going on. He noted that the pond enjoyed a productive herring run this year and that SRPEDD is trying to encourage the herring migration.

MRV counsel Blair Bailey said that depending on the people and residencies one talks to, the water flows in both directions. Identifying a main concern that any research conducted without the MRV's tends to get used without important background information and historical data. He suggested the MRV reach out to SRPEDD and offer to help. "You're better to be in the loop than out of it, is my point," he said.

Vinnie Furtado proposed reach out to Tinger to offer MRV data and assistance.

The commission heard a report from Renauld of paid invoices totaling \$123,991.08 and voted to approve chemical bills totaling \$43,728.04 and two other invoices, including Hub Insurance at slightly over \$30,000 and \$150 for legal counsel. Renauld said the commission has approximately \$91,000 in insurance claims related to a repaired transfer switch at the water treatment plant.

MRV Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee Treasurer Jeff Furtado was unavailable to attend Tuesday's meeting because he was attending to water-main break in Fairhaven. Invoices approved for payment included a \$1,506.45 invoice from Tata & Howard for water-monitoring services.

In his Tata & Howard report to the committee, Gregory said he is waiting on additional graphs from Megan McCarthy and that there are no issues with river-monitoring equipment. Gregory said a 2023 Hydrologic River Monitoring Report should be ready in August.

The next meeting of the MRV Water District Commission/Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, August 13, at 3:30 pm (committee) and 4:00 pm (commission).


Designer Officially on Board

Rochester Public Safety Building Committee

By Michael J. DeCicco

Rochester's Public Safety Building Committee Monday approved hiring Yarmouth Port-based Catalyst Architecture to design plans for a new main Fire Station on Pine Street, utilizing \$28,000 of unused funds from the town's Feasibility Study account.

A Feasibility Study Committee organized last year by the Select Board looked into a potentially three-pronged upgrade to the town's public-safety facilities consisting of a new main Fire Station, a significant renovation/expansion of the Police Department's headquarters on Dexter Lane and, if it could be funded, a Fire Department substation on the east side of town to



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shorten response times to a Route 28 area experiencing impact business and residential growth.

Post-COVID-related cost increases, however, have forced officials to whittle these plans down to a single project, building a new fire station on the former Rochester Country Fair, Pine Street property. To that end, Rochester Select Board and Building Committee member (and Marion Harbormaster) Adam Murphy invited the same architect that designed the new Marion Harbormaster headquarters now under construction to speak to Rochester officials about providing the same service for the new Pine Street fire station design.

Monday, committee Chairman Arnold Johnson began the discussion that led to hiring Catalyst by noting the committee recently met with Catalyst officials Tim Sawyer and Kurt Raber and toured both the new Marion Harbormaster building and the current cramped quarters of the current Rochester Fire Station at Pine Street and Hartley Road.

"We need some professional help to take us to the next steps," Johnson said. "And they've said they can do it rather cheaply."

The next steps, the committee revealed, will be meeting with the Select Board on July 15 to gain its approval of Catalyst's hire, then finalizing detailed design drawings, then seeking Town Meeting approval to fund the engineering and construction process.

Murphy said what he likes about Catalyst is they are willing to build to what the town is willing to spend. Johnson noted Catalyst will not have to rehash the feasibility study. "They can use the feasibility study to get a lot of data," he said. "They won't be looking to redo it."

Before the vote to hire Catalyst, committee member David Arancio said it's important to build a timeline that works backwards from the date of a 2025 Town Meeting to include when other steps along the way will be met. This will help both the project planners and the public, he said.

Johnson agreed. "There will have to be a big education program too," he said. "That will take time too."

The committee then settled on a plan to share the feasibility-study results with the public, addressing complaints the committee had received from residents. Arancio reported the study file is too large to post on the town website. Murphy suggested posting the first pages then directing them to Town Hall to view the full hard copy. The committee agreed.

The Rochester Public Safety Building Committee meets situationally and did not set another meeting date before adjourning.

Water Access Worries Aired

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By Marilou Newell

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Commission on July 9 was Brian Grady of G.A.F. Engineering, representing applicant Daniel McCarthy for a Notice of Intent filing. The continued public meeting brought out several property owners.

The scope of the project located at 12, 14, 16 and 18 Ocean View Avenue is rather straightforward, to replace and repair 300 feet of a vertical, stone-and-mortar, sloped revetment damaged by seasonal storms. What was unclear was whether or not abutters and others in this Brandt Beach coastal neighborhood maintain easement rights.

Two weeks prior when the NOI was first brought before the commission, member David Nicolosi wondered aloud if the residents in the area were onboard with the plans, calling the parcel part of an area once known as "The Reservation."

Grady had explained that Mattapoisett's assessing office found no such place, nor did its records identify a property owner. The filing was continued pending determination not of this matter but comments from the Massachusetts Natural Heritage and Endangered Species office.

On this night, several property owners explained their concerns that the planned repairs would cut off their beach access, access they say was noted in their property deeds at least as far back as the 1950s.

Attending the meeting via Zoom, McCarthy said he had no intention of limiting the historical access but

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was primarily concerned with making the revetment safe.

Commission Chairman Mike King suggested to the residents that they contact a land-court lawyer to untangle the easement issue, but that the commission has no jurisdiction in those matters.

The filing was conditioned and will be granted plan of record modification if, in the future, McCarthy wishes to add stairs down to the water's edge.

In other business, conditions were issued to NOI filings by Livingstone Plymouth Nominee Trust and Michael Livingstone for two lots off Whalers Way.

A new plan of record for 7 Shipyard Lane for repairs to an existing seawall was accepted.

A Negative 2 decision was granted for a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by John and Ruthanne Igoe, 5 Avenue A, for a second-floor addition in a jurisdictional area.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission is scheduled for Monday, July 22, at 6:30 pm.

Bike Path a Slow Ride to Reality

Marion Pathway Committee

By Mick Colageo

The Marion Pathway Committee met virtually on June 17 and heard an update on the Marion Shared Use Path from committee Chairman John Rockwell.

In identifying a small but significant collection

of factors regarding Marion's plans for a bike path, including wetlands impact, being in a state-designated Environmental Justice Neighborhood, crossing vehicular traffic and crossing a state highway (Route 105), Rockwell explained how the project is caught up in red tape.

For instance, certain triggers require that an Environmental Impact Report be filed with the secretary of the state and environmental affairs. Because of that, Rockwell said, there is an environmental census block on the northern side of the railroad bed that crosses Route 105 and runs through Washburn Park.

He considers the project a positive impact.

"There will be some noise and construction right next to the apartment buildings, but on the other hand when they're done, that'll be a great amenity for that whole neighborhood," he said.

Also attending the Zoom-only meeting were members Paula Meere, Dan Eling, Steve Lohrenz and John Menzel.

In discussing the bike path, Rockwell acknowledged that a lot of paperwork must be filed, a time-consuming task.

One environmental issue that the committee needs to address is the number of rivers that flow year-round across the bike path. Rockwell said modern topographic maps established from aerial photographs identify four rivers that cross the path, but he disagrees.

"There's actually only one, and the way you get around that is to go out there and take photographs four days in a row when the area's dry," said Rockwell, noting that this will take place in August.

Rockwell said the state has hired someone to handle all the project work related to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA).

"The idea is that anytime there is a state project that needs state permits that rises over certain thresholds ... there's communication amongst all the boards, and all the issues are sorted out ahead of time," Rockwell explained. "The idea is you don't have state projects causing problems for other state agencies."

Rockwell told the committee he was told to expect the state's response around Thanksgiving. He said no state permits are attainable until the Environmental Impact Report has been filed and the state secretary has accepted it. The report will be prepared by a firm that typically handles MEPA-related files and that the state has hired, said Rockwell.

Menzel asked if there are any other loose ends required by the state Department of Transportation.

Rockwell explained that the town cannot work on the necessary easements until the state approves the plans, and that cannot be done until the Environmental Impact Report process is complete.

"It's like everything else in this project, we don't have a lot of control," said Rockwell, whose institutional knowledge helps in the case of proving there is only one rather than the four crossing rivers shown by the state-

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generated map.

Given the process and the requirements to respond to state feedback, Rockwell said he expects a groundbreaking no earlier than FY26 (a year from now).

It is expected that the trees located between the apartment complex and the bike path will come down amidst construction, but Rockwell said shade trees can go well in that space. He said the trees will be of substantial size when fully grown.

Menzel said he would like to see the bike path connected to White Eagle (the Sippican Lands Trust parcel) and Parlowtown Road. Rockwell agreed it would make a nice connection for the path.

A reorganization of the committee only reinforced established roles, as Rockwell remained chairman. He also received approval to make Meere's dual service official as both vice chair and clerk. "Poor Paula's done all this work without which we would not survive," he said.

The committee also needed a representative to the Stewards of Community Open Space. Having noted that member Lorraine Heffernan (who could not attend the June 17 meeting) had done a good job in the role, the committee voted to recommend her reappointment. The Select Board makes the final approval.

The next meeting of the Marion Pathway Committee will be scheduled in August on a date yet to be determined.



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ORR Puts Money Where Its Math Is

ORR School Committee

By Mick Colageo

Old Rochester Regional Superintendent of Schools Mike Nelson said Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning Dr. Shari Fedorowicz had to move quickly to prepare a presentation to the June 12 public meeting of the ORR School Committee.

The resultant FY24 vote enacted approval of a \$105,000 grant for investment in the Amplify Desmos Math Curriculum. The grant was accepted by the committee in February, but ORR had to choose between English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics.

"We determined the highest need to be math,"



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said Fedorowicz, whose focus is on algebra materials. A collaborative effort involving demonstration, review and feedback led to the approval of the Amplify Desmos Math Curriculum for Grades 7 and 8 Algebra.

The School Committee approved the Student Handbook for the 2024-25 school year. Before the vote, respective ORRHS and ORRJH Assistant Principals Vanessa Harvey and Kelly Chouinard summarized changes for the handbook, which will henceforth discipline plagiarism related to artificial intelligence.

Another wrinkle is the policy affecting Grade 8 students who earn spots on high school sports teams. Because fundraising is conducted at the high school level, eighth graders are by statewide policy not allowed to play varsity sports, except in the case where there is no junior-varsity team (ORRHS Principal Mike Devoll listed softball as an example). In that case, a Grade 8 student who makes the squad becomes eligible to play varsity as the lowest available level, per the MIAA, Devoll confirmed.

Committee member Frances-Feliz Kearns brought to the committee's attention a potential problem in a Student Handbook section addressing bullying that as written could indicate that the school committee (as well as the student) would receive counseling. Chouinard said she would research the matter and report back to the committee.

In her Chairperson's Report, Michelle Smith stressed everyone's part in the team effort it takes to have a successful school year. In recalling a letter she wrote as a high school student that was published in her local newspaper, Smith talked about what she learned about different funding sources and told the committee it's important to continue working toward grant funding and that all students have a voice.

The ORR School Committee voted to approve the request from the Old Rochester Youth Football to use the main field on four Sundays across September and October with five games on each day.

"We love having Bulldogs on campus of all ages, they are great and respectful neighbors," said Devoll, who characterized ORYF leadership as "super responsive" to cancellations for weather reasons, which is

the district's main concern. He even suggested a five-year deal so the league wouldn't have to apply on an annual basis. Member April Nye echoed Devoll's sentiments in recommending ongoing approval.

Member Jim Muse sought and received clarification that weather-related cancellation decisions rest with ORR Administration and not the youth football league.

The vote approved ORYF to use the main field on four Sundays for the 2024-25 academic year.

Late in the meeting during subcommittee reports, Nelson updated the committee on a \$750,000 approval received from the state Department of Education for ORR's athletic fields. Nelson recognized Representative Bill Straus' advocacy in securing the funds.

The ORR School Committee heard an update on the School Improvement Plans from Devoll and ORRJH Principal Silas Coellner. As principals, they also delivered end-of-year thoughts on the growth and achievement of their students.

The School Committee approved the following donations: \$500 from the Emma Whittaker Fund for the ORR swim team, one 2x7-foot Best Communities for Music Education banner from Denise Conton to the ORRJH Music Department, 12 250-milliliter Erlenmeyer flasks, seven 250-milliliter beakers and eight, 150-milliliter beakers from Mattapoisett resident and registered medical technologist Stephen Likos, a cornet and a Flugelhorn from the Symphony Music Shop to the ORRJH Music Department, 15 copies of "The Odyssey" and 15 copies of "Romeo and Juliet" from parents Michelle and Michael Kelly for the high school, and OpenSciEd kits (6.2 Thermal Energy for Grade 7, 7.3 Metabolic Reactions for Grade 8, and general classroom supplies for Grades 7 and 8 from OpenSciEd).

The committee approved the following grants: Vacation Acceleration Academies Grant of \$66,000, from the Tri-Town Education Foundation Fund \$2,000 to Andrew Apperson, ORRHS (Intra-school) for ORRHS Disc Golf Course, \$3,000 to Richard Laprise, ORRJH (Intra-School and Cross Curriculum) for Sounds of the Tri-Town (Guest Artist Collaboration for Original Composition and Performances) and \$897.65 to Kelly Ochoa, ORRHS for World Language Curriculum Enhancement.

The committee approved the 2024-25 School Committee meeting schedule based on Thursdays: September 5, October 10, 2024, (Tuesday) November 5, December 12, February 27, 2025, March 27, 2025 and May 22, 2025.

The committee voted to approve the SMEC lease for the 2024-25 School Year but will add two spaces to accommodate secondary-level education.

There was no Food Service report, but Nelson publicly recognized Jill Henesey for her work during the school year.

Books were donated to the school libraries

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honoring retiring faculty, including Junior High Severe Disabilities teacher Mary Caine, paraprofessional Shirley O'Connor and Junior High physical education teacher Karen Horan.

Early in the meeting, Devoll announced that Student Representative Jamison Gunschel (Class of 2024) and rising senior Emerson Gonet were sworn into Governor Maura Healey's Advisory Committee.

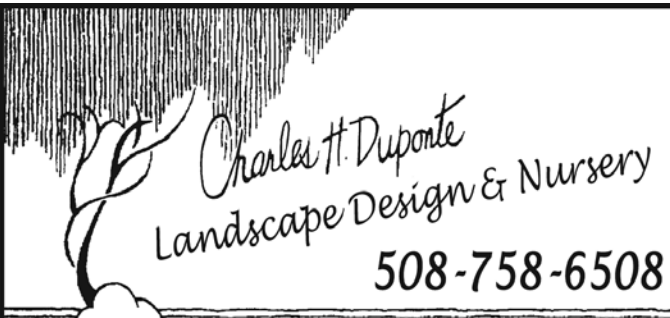
"No surprise to me, we have the outgoing senior class president and the rising senior class president. Both are doing great things at the school and now at the state level," said Devoll, who said their accomplishment is a first for ORR students.

Kelly Quinlan was also recognized for her rare feat of a 200-goal, lacrosse career at the high school. Devoll noted Quinlan's comeback from a serious knee injury. "It didn't stop her from being a great teammate, leader, player."

ORR recognized another district first in that lacrosse goaltender Tessa Winslow became the first ORR student to serve on the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association's (MIAA) Advisory Committee.

"She represented not only Old Rochester but our part of the state at the MIAA on a monthly basis," said Devoll. Winslow has 600 career saves heading into her senior year.

Caroline Brogioli was also recognized as the multisport athlete brings 100 goals into her senior year.



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Gunschel said all the events related to the senior class were successful, and he recommended that graduation exercises maintain the briefer format adopted for 2024. Smith thanked Gunschel for his work on the committee.

Smith recognized outgoing member Jason Chisholm of Rochester for his three-year term serving on the committee.

The next meeting of the ORR School Committee is scheduled for Thursday, September 5, at 6:30 pm in the ORRJH Music room and accessible via remote.



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Tavares Appreciated in Sendoff

Mattapoisett School Committee

By Mick Colageo

In recognition of retiring Old Hammondtown School Principal Kevin Tavares, Mattapoisett School Committee Chairperson Carly Lavin prepared the following remarks publicly read during the June 13 meeting of the committee:

"As you approach the culmination of what can only be described as an illustrious, three-decade journey in the Mattapoisett School District, I find myself reflecting on the impact that you had on our academic community, it's with a mixture of joy for you and (loss) for us as I write to express our deepest gratitude for your unwavering dedication and your exceptional leadership.

"Over 30 years, you've been a staple of Mattapoisett Schools, guiding both Center and OHS with both wisdom and integrity and a visionary outlook. Your commitment to excellence in education, your passion for nurturing young minds, and your tireless efforts to foster an environment where everyone can thrive are truly incredible.

"Under your leadership, Mattapoisett not only has achieved academic excellence but has also cultivated a culture of kindness, inclusivity and a resilience ... Through the years, your guidance has shaped the futures of countless students, inspiring them to reach their fullest potential."

Lavin went on to describe Tavares' influence as "inspirational to all of us" and the mark he leaves on the committee as "indelible."

Visibly affected by Lavin's comments and the passionate applause at the conclusion of her words, Tavares alluded to the old saying that, "You don't choose education, education chooses you."

With that, he confessed that he had done all he could not to be a teacher after seeing his father put in 33 years.

"I've worked with some amazing people, but it's all about the kids," said Tavares, emotionally expressing his appreciation for the support he received over the years, especially from committee member Jim Muse.

Muse publicly identified Tavares with the Town of Mattapoisett and assured him he has a home in Mattapoisett.

Old Rochester Regional Superintendent of Schools Mike Nelson added his appreciation of Tavares and other retirees.

Later in the meeting, Nelson would note that Stephanie Wells will be joining the ORR District as Old Hammondtown's new principal.

As explained by Center School Principal Laura Ashley, changes to the Student Handbook for the 2024-25 School Year will include changes to the section addressing Bullying Intervention and Prevention and a Discipline triangle chart in order to better align the individual school districts within the ORR District. The committee voted its approval.

The committee's approval of meeting dates for the 2024-25 school year was preceded by Lavin's public appreciation to secretary Melissa Wilcox for her work. The dates: September 12, October 17, November 21, February 6, 2025, March 13, 2025, April 10, 2025 and June 5, 2025.

The committee approved the leases of SMEC and Countryside Childcare for the 2024-25 school year. The committee approved a list of library materials to be disposed of and in a separate vote, the disposal of technology materials.

Upon the completion of Year 1 of the School Improvement Plan, Nelson said it's time to begin reflection work and prepare for Year 2.

"We really accomplished a lot across the district," said Ashley, referencing the plan's emphasis on literacy.

Lavin thanked Ashley and Tavares for the presentation and said it represented a lot of work.

Nelson said the Strategic Plan's ability to align the individual "sister districts" helps the overall health of the



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Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning Dr. Shari Fedorowicz thanked the stakeholders for the teamwork it took to make Year 1 of ORR's literacy initiative successful.

Amanda Hastings volunteered to represent Mattapoisett on the union side of the Joint School Committee, and Muse will continue his service on the ORR District side.

The Mattapoisett School Committee approved the following grants: a Vacation Acceleration Academics Grant of \$30,500 (a grant Nelson said the district did not receive last year), High-Quality Instructional Materials Purchase Grant of \$27,992 (support for sciences, especially STEM), from the Tri-Town Education Foundation Fund, \$2,000 to Carolyn Pawlishen for Empowering, Engaging and Motivating Students with Learning Differences, \$2,000 from The Feinstein Foundation to principal's secretary Jennifer Janicki for a Japanese Silk Lilac tree and two wooden benches on school grounds, one in honor of the late Jenny Rusinoski and one in honor of the retiring Tavares.

The committee entered executive session for bargaining and litigation preparation purposes.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett School Committee is scheduled for Thursday, September 12 at 6:30 pm.

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Marion Police Re-accredited

Marion Police Chief Richard Nighelli is proud to report that the Marion Police Department earned re-accreditation from the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission (MPAC). On June 26, MPAC unanimously re-accredited the Marion Police Department.

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Marion Roads, Bridges

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The money is in addition to funding the town receives annually through the commonwealth's Chapter 90 program, which provides funding to municipalities for capital improvements on local public ways. In Fiscal Year 2024, Marion received \$168,493.69 Chapter 90 funds.

This supplemental allocation is part of \$100,000,000 in FY24 Fair Share Amendment funds distributed by the commonwealth that can be used to improve local infrastructure. The revenue comes from the new state surtax on incomes greater than \$1,000,000.

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Marion is receiving \$47,656 based on road miles and \$42,123 based on the Chapter 90 formula.

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Rules for Wearing a Life Jacket

Marion Marine Resource Commission

Wearing a life jacket / Personal Flotation Device (PFD) while on the water is crucial for ensuring safety and can be a life-saving decision in the event of an accident. Life jackets (PFD's) provide essential buoyancy that helps keep individuals afloat, even if they are unconscious or exhausted.

This is particularly important in unexpected situations such as sudden capsizing, strong currents, or rough waters, which can often be the case in Buzzards Bay when being a good swimmer might not be sufficient for survival.

Additionally, life jackets (PFD's) are designed to

keep the wearer's head above water, reducing the risk of drowning. They also often come in bright colors, making it easier for rescuers to spot individuals in distress.

By wearing a life jacket (PFD), boaters and swimmers can significantly increase their chances of survival and prevent tragic accidents, making it a non-negotiable part of water safety protocol.

In Massachusetts, the rules for wearing life jackets are as follows:

1. Children under 12 years old: Must wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket at all times while on a vessel, unless they are in an enclosed cabin.

2. Personal Watercraft (PWC): Anyone operating or riding on a personal watercraft must wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket at all times.

3. Towed Water Sports: Anyone being towed behind a vessel (such as water-skiing, tubing, etc.) must wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket.

4. Certain Vessels and Conditions: A. All canoeists and kayakers must wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket between September 15 and May 15; B. All boaters on any type of vessel must wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket during the same period (September 15 to May 15) when waters are typically colder and the risk of hypothermia is higher.

5. Accessibility: There must be a U.S. Coast

TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights June 30-July 6

- Parkway Ln – EMS/medical
- West Ave – Animal control
- Mill St – Vandalism/past
- Delano Rd – Officer wanted
- Gifford's Corner Rd – Health/welfare
- Front St – Officer wanted
- Village Dr – Suspicious activity
- Bayview Rd – MV collision
- Mill St – Identity theft
- Lewis St – Parking enforcement
- Allen St - Disturbance
- Dexter Rd – EMS/medical
- Ichabod Ln – Suspicious MV
- Ichabod Ln – Follow up investigation
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Point Rd – MV collision
- Mill St – Missing person
- Hastings Rd – Suspicious activity
- Crapo St – MV collision
- Pumping Station Rd - Disturbance
- Abels Way – Suspicious person
- South St – Found property
- Spring St - Disturbance
- Creek Rd – Animal complaint
- Spring St – MV collision
- Creek Rd – Animal complaint
- Main St - Missing person
- Dexter Rd - Lockout
- Front St – MV collision

MATTAPOISET

Log highlights June 30-July 6

- Angelica Ave – General service
- Crystal Spring Rd – Officer wanted
- Pine Island Rd – Medical assist
- Bayberry Ln – Illegal dumping
- Harvey Orchard Ln – Medical assist
- Harbor HB Rd – Health/welfare
- Fairhaven Rd – Ambulance request
- Prospect Rd – Suspicious persons
- Barstow St – General service
- Massasoit Way – Health/welfare
- Shore Dr – Civil complaint
- Driscoll Ln – Animal control
- Crystal Spring Rd – Restraining order
- Selha Way - Notification
- County Rd – Protective custody
- Shaw St – General service
- Wildwood Ter – MV theft
- Pearl St – B&E MV
- Pleasant View Ave - Disturbance
- Water St – Parking violation
- Acushnet Rd - Vandalism
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- County Rd - Assault
- Tinkham Ln – Domestic disturbance
- Ocean Dr – Serve warrant
- Grand View Ave – Serve warrant
- Pico Beach Rd – Missing person
- Gosnold St – MV crash
- Uncas Way – General service

ROCHESTER

Log highlights June 30-July 6

- Cranberry Hwy – Panic alarm
- Hartley Rd – Road hazard
- North Ave – 911 call
- Rounseville Rd – MV stop/citation
- Marion Rd – Erratic MV
- Neck Rd – Erratic MV
- Stevens Rd – Follow up
- Vaughn Hill Rd – MV collision
- Mattapoisett Rd – Noise complaint
- Vaughn Hill Rd – Animal control
- Dexter Ln – Follow up
- Krystal Ln – Animal control
- Perry Ln – Suspicious activity
- Noble Rd – 911 call
- Boxberry Ln – 911 call
- Dexter Ln – Civil complaint
- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/citation
- Quaker Ln – Animal control
- Mattapoisett Rd – Suspicious activity
- Walnut Plain Rd – General services
- Stevens Rd – Animal control
- Stevens Rd – Suspicious activity
- Gerrish Rd – 911 call
- Snows Pond Rd - Disturbance
- Walnut Plain Rd – Noise complaint
- Bishop Rd – Burglar alarm
- North Ave – Suspicious activity
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/towed
- Douglas Corner Rd – Noise complaint

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.

Guard-approved life jacket readily accessible for each person on board any vessel at all times, regardless of the vessel type or time of year.

It's essential to ensure that life jackets are in good condition, appropriately sized for the wearer, and suitable for the type of boating activity.

Editor's note: This is the first of two public-safety messages from the Marion Marine Resources Commission. Next week the MRC will focus on kayak safety.

Coastline Elderly Nutrition Program

Monday, July 15: pork sausage w/ peppers and onions, pasta Alfredo, sub roll, peaches

Tuesday, July 16: Asian vegetable soup, beef lo mein, Oriental blend, snowflake roll, pineapple

Wednesday, July 17: Mac and cheese, tomato Florentine, whole wheat roll, fresh fruit salad

Thursday, July 18: Lemon chicken, Florentine rice, carrot coins, multigrain bread, chocolate chip cookie; low sugar: SF cookie

Friday, July 19: Portuguese seafood, linguine, green beans, oatmeal roll, fresh orange

Letters to the Editor

The views expressed in the "Letters to the Editor" column are not necessarily those of The Wanderer, its staff or advertisers. The Wanderer will gladly accept any and all correspondence relating to timely and pertinent issues in the great Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester area, provided they include the author's name, address and phone number for verification. We cannot publish

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PUBLIC ACCESS

Comcast Channel 9

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Thursday July 11, 2024

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Cape Conversations
8:30 AM For Your Health
9:00 AM A Conversation With...
9:30 AM Tri-Town Memorial Day Events
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Pine Meadow Alpaca Farms Animal Education
11:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
11:30 AM Paltroc with Darren Paltowitz
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
2:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Peggy Repass
3:00 PM ORR Graduation
4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
5:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
5:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US
6:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
6:30 PM Tri-Town TV
7:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
7:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show
8:30 PM The Beacon Hill Report
9:00 PM Lamb of God Christian Church
10:00 PM Old Colony Senior Awards Night
11:35 PM Sippican Historical Society - Cultural Heritage

Friday July 12, 2024
7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Bulldog Sports Show
8:30 AM Living & Learning with Disabilities
9:30 AM Mattapoissett Historical Museum - The Wanderer Ship Model
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
11:00 AM Cape Conversations
11:30 AM A Conversation With...
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment

1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM Two Grannies on the Road
3:00 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers
3:30 PM This is America and the World
4:00 PM Paltroc with Darren Paltowitz
4:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
5:00 PM RMS Promotion Ceremony
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM ORR Graduation
7:30 PM Old Colony Graduation
8:30 PM Rochester Historical Society - Historic Fair with Colonial Flair
9:30 PM Reeling - The Movie Review Show
10:00 PM Sippican Week Interviews
10:30 PM Marion Art Center - The Minotaur
11:00 PM Mattapoissett Museum - Remembering Paul Clayton

Saturday July 13, 2024

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
9:00 AM Health Source
9:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM A Conversation With...
11:00 AM Auto Sense
11:30 AM Science 360
12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie
1:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Peggy Repass
2:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show
3:30 PM South Coast Matters
4:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
4:30 PM Tri-Town Memorial Day Events
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
8:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
8:30 PM Mattapoissett Historical Museum - The Wanderer Ship Model
9:30 PM Reeling - The Movie Review Show
10:00 PM Beacon Hill Report
10:30 PM Let's Talk Business
11:00 PM Classic Movies

Sunday July 14, 2024

6:00 AM Health Source

6:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church
8:00 AM Mattapoissett Congregational Church
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
10:00 AM St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church of Marion
11:00 AM Sippican Memorial Rededication
11:30 AM Tri-Town TV
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
1:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show
2:30 PM Miss New Bedford Insider
3:00 PM Bulldog Sports Show
3:30 PM Paltroc with Darren Paltowitz
4:00 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers
4:30 PM The World Fusion Show
5:00 PM Tri-Town Memorial Day Events
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
8:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
8:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Conflict Zone
9:00 PM ORR Graduation
10:00 PM Old Colony Graduation
11:00 PM Beacon Hill Report
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Monday July 15, 2024

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM For Your Health
9:00 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:00 AM A Conversation With...
10:30 AM Cape Conversations
11:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
11:30 AM Tri-Town TV
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM In the Toy Box
1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:00 PM Southcoast Matters

2:30 PM The Collective Chat
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
4:30 PM Tri-Town Memorial Day Events
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Sippican Choral Society Spring 2024
7:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show
8:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:00 PM Let's Talk Business
9:30 PM Building the Future
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Mattapoissett Museum - Remembering Paul Clayton

Tuesday July 16, 2024

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
9:30 AM The Collective Chat
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
11:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartooning
11:30 AM In the Toy Box
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM Miss New Bedford Insider
2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
4:00 PM ORR Spring Concert
5:30 PM Tri-Town TV
6:00 PM Marion Art Center - Unplugged - Matt Richard & Donn Legge
8:40 PM The Beacon Hill Report
9:10 PM Falmouth Academy Community Series
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Mehetabel Chandler Colt

Wednesday July 17, 2024

7:00 AM Seniorize

7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:30 AM For Your Health
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
9:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
11:00 AM Mattapoissett Congregational Church
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:20 PM Christmas in the Tri-Town
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:00 PM Pine Meadow Alpaca Farms Animal Education
2:10 PM Mattapoissett Harbor Days
2:30 PM Money Talk Tuesday
3:00 PM A Conversation With...
3:30 PM Sippican Spring Concert
5:00 PM Tri-Town Memorial Day Events
5:30 PM Building the Future
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM The World Fusion Show
7:00 PM Let's Talk Business
7:30 PM Old Colony Graduation
8:30 PM ORR Graduation
9:30 PM ORR/JHS Promotion Ceremony
11:00 PM Mattapoissett Museum - Remembering Paul Clayton

MARION GOVERNMENT

Comcast Channel 26
Verizon Channel 39
Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen
8:00 AM Marion Planning Board
9:30 AM Marion Conservation Commission
11:30 AM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
12:00 PM Marion Finance Committee
1:00 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission
2:00 PM Marion Pathway Committee
2:30 PM Marion Board of Health
3:30 PM Marion Marine Resource Commission
5:30 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust
6:30 PM Marion School Committee
7:30 PM Marion Board of Selectmen
9:00 PM Marion Conservation Commission
11:00 PM Marion Planning Board

EDUCATION CHANNEL

Comcast Channel 8
Verizon Channel 37

Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen
7:30 AM Rochester Conservation Commission
8:00 AM Rochester Planning Board
9:00 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
11:30 AM Rochester School Committee
1:30 PM ORR Joint School Committee
3:00 PM ORR School Committee
5:00 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen
5:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
6:00 PM Rochester Planning Board
7:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
9:30 PM Rochester School Committee
11:30 PM ORR Joint School Committee

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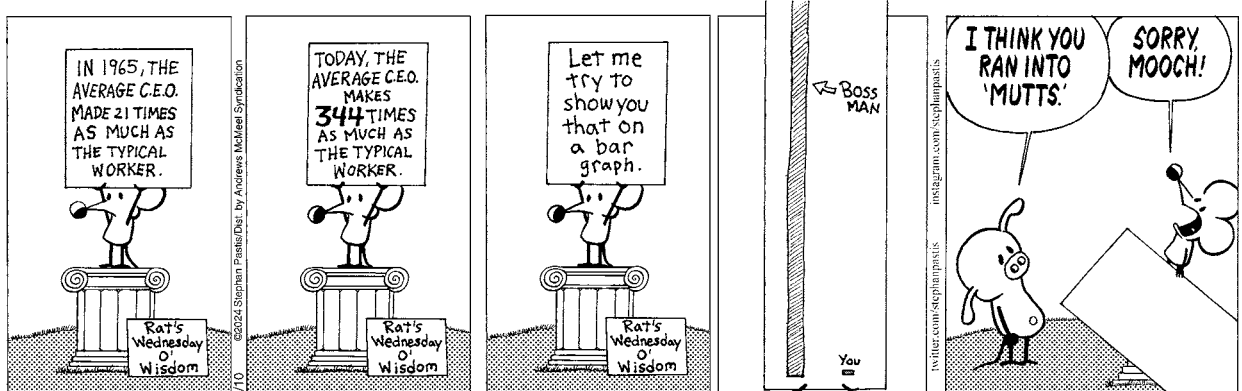
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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
8:00 AM ORR/JHS Promotion Ceremony
9:30 AM Old Colony National Honor Society Ceremony
10:00 AM ORR/JHS Spring Concert
11:00 AM ORR/JHS Drama Club
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
1:00 PM ORR Senior Superlatives
2:30 PM STEM the Streets Presentation
3:30 PM Old Colony Football vs Holbrook
5:00 PM Old Colony Graduation
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
7:00 PM ORR Class Olympics
8:00 PM Old Colony Boys Soccer vs Blue Hills
10:00 PM ORR Girls Lacrosse vs Plymouth North
11:00 PM ORR Joint School Committee

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Dear Marion Community,

On behalf of the Marion Select Board and Fireworks Committee, we would like to thank all of those who had a hand in making our annual fireworks display and community event possible. This yearlong effort is put together by dozens of volunteers, town employees, public safety staff, vendors, and local groups and organizations who work tirelessly to put on a celebration and community get-together each year and for the third year in a row.

Unfortunately, the inclement weather throughout the weekend caused issues that severely impacted the fireworks show. First, the show was postponed for safety precautions from Saturday to Sunday due to high winds. On Sunday, the decision was made to start the show early and on short notice because of heavy fog that was quickly rolling in over the water.

Both decisions were made at the recommendation of the professional fireworks vendor contracted by the Town. This vendor is well-established in New England and has been responsible for our amazing and successful

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shows over the last several years. The safety of spectators, surrounding property and the barge technicians was the priority. High winds can cause flammables to drift into surrounding homes and trees and dense fog not only impacts viewing but can damage the fireworks and equipment creating an added layer of danger to the barge crew. We trust the vendor's judgment as the experts in conducting a safe and entertaining show. Again, safety was the priority.

On Sunday, Town officials made an announcement on social media and via our email announcement system that the show would begin early. This decision was not made easily. Due to the contract and budgetary constraints, there was no further

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Roger C. Ames, 84, of Lakeville passed away Sunday, June 30, 2024 at Care One At New Bedford following a lengthy period of declining health. He was the son of the late Lavon T. Ames, Jr. and Lena R. (Potter) Ames.

Born in New Bedford, Mr. Ames resided in Lakeville for 52 years.

Mr. Ames was an esteemed teacher for the Town of Dartmouth Middle School for many years until his retirement. He also was a dedicated tennis coach and winter track coach at Dartmouth High School.

A gifted athlete, Mr. Ames was an avid runner, tennis player and down hill skier. He enjoyed many happy hours aboard his boat "The Jolly Roger" on Long Pond and he and Jane were summer residents of Mattapoisett for 38 years.

He is survived by his life partner, Jane C. Egan of Lakeville; his son, Timothy S. Ames of New Bedford; his daughter, Christine Ames Will and her husband, Ed of So. Dartmouth; his step-children, Terry Egan and his wife, Lori of Waltham, Brendan Egan and his wife, Sharon of Long Island, NY and Bridget Walters of Lakeville; 2 grandchildren Ben and Ella Will; 6 step-grandchildren Connor Walters, Brady Walters, Liam Egan, Cass Egan, Finn Egan and Maeve Egan.

His service was conducted in the funeral home Monday, July 8. Interment was in Rural Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, kindly consider a memorial donation to Alzheimer's Association, 320 Nevada St., #201, Newton, MA 02460. Please write In memory of Roger C. Ames on memo line of checks, or you may donate online at alz.org.

Funeral arrangements have been committed to the care of Wilson Chapel at Aubertine-Lopes Funeral Home, 129 Allen St., New Bedford. For online guest book, please visit www.aubertine-lobes.com.



Daniel N. Lopes, 79, of Fairhaven died Thursday, July 4, 2024 unexpectedly at St. Luke's Hospital.

Born in New Bedford, son of the late Paul and Gertrude (Nunes) Lopes, he lived in Fairhaven for most of his life.

He honorably served in the United States Air Force from 1963-1967.

Danny was a graduate of Fairhaven High School and Roger Williams University.

He was formerly employed by Aerovox and currently employed by Cornell-Dubilier / Division of Knowles and Rodney French Incorporated. He also managed the family farm, Lopes Farm, in Fairhaven.

Danny enjoyed tinkering with projects around the farm, spending time in North Conway, attending farm shows and equipment auctions, and always loved to help others.

He is survived by two brothers, Antone Lopes and

his wife Diane and John Lopes; three nieces, Heather Lopes, Kimberly Lopes, and Amanda Bregoli; his nephew, Paul Lopes; and his close friend, Ester Perry.

He was predeceased by his sister, Marilyn (Lopes) Howard.

His Funeral Service will be held Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at 10 am in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Road, Mattapoisett. Burial will follow in St. Anthony's Cemetery. Visiting hours will be Monday, July 15th from 4-7 pm. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. For directions and guest-book, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



Jason Payne, 47, of Allentown, Pennsylvania, passed away on May 20, 2024 in Philadelphia. He was born on December 13, 1976, in Boston, Massachusetts.

Jason was an incredible and loving husband to Jill Payne and a devoted father to his daughter, Brooke Lichty. Family meant everything to him. An animal lover at heart, Jason enjoyed spending time with his beloved dogs, Ron and Paisley.

He also had a passion for music, having created and managed a small music label, Estabrook Road Records, into which he poured his heart and soul. Outside of his professional life, he found joy in hobbies such as music, reading, and gardening. He was also busy working on a graduate degree in counseling.

Jason leaves behind a legacy of love and kindness. He is survived by his wife Jill Payne; daughter Brooke Lichty of Pennsylvania; mother Diane Lopes Flaherty and stepfather Gerald Flaherty of Marion, MA; siblings Kevin Fernandes of Wareham, MA; Kerry Fernandes of Boston, MA; Alex Allen of Boston, MA; Maya Flaherty Roberts of Virginia; and Colin Flaherty of California; along with many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father, Albert Ray Payne.

Jason Payne will be deeply missed by all who knew him, but his memory and legacy will live on in the hearts of those he touched. A Celebration of Life in his honor will take place at the Onset, MA VFW on July 28th from 2-6pm.



James Andrew Manning, 47, of Palm Coast, FL, formerly of Rochester passed away Friday June 28, 2024.

Born in New Bedford, the son of the Kathleen M. (Saunders) Manning and the late Edward A. "Butch" Manning, he lived in Rochester for most of his life before recently moving to Florida. He was a graduate of Old Rochester Regional High School, where he played as a tailback on the football team.

postponement available.

While we share in the disappointment that the show did not proceed as planned, we want to thank our residents for their understanding and also give a heartfelt thanks to the donors and the Fireworks Committee that makes this event possible each and every year.

Sincerely,
Geoffrey Gorman, Marion Town Administrator

Academic Achievements

Gracey Weedall of Marion graduated from Emmanuel College on Saturday, May 18, 2024, during the College's 102nd Commencement Exercises on its campus in Boston. Weedall received a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology with a concentration in Counseling & Health during the ceremony.

Brielle Fernandes of Rochester has been named to the MassBay Community College President's List. Fernandes, who studies Radiologic Technology, achieved this outstanding academic honor for the Spring 2024 Semester.

Drew Mastovsky of Marion, **Holyn Turner** of Mattapoisett, and **Zachary Zutaut** of Rochester, have been named to the Spring 2024 Dean's List at Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I. Full-time students who complete 12 or more credits per semester and earn a GPA of 3.4 or higher are placed on the Dean's List that semester.

Braden R. Macdonald, a graduate of Taft School

in Watertown, Conn, was inducted into the Naval Academy Class of 2028 on June 27, marking the beginning of six challenging weeks of basic midshipman training during Plebe Summer.

As defending champions in the American Society of Engineering Education's (ASEE) Robotics Competition, Cedarville University's team of engineering students put its title on the line when it competed in the 2024 competition in Portland, Oregon and emerged victorious. This year's team includes team captain, **Jacob Pothier** of Rochester.

Katherine Solowey, of Mattapoisett, has been named to the Dean's List at Hamilton College for the spring 2024 semester.

Mattapoisett Woman's Club's "Taste of Mattapoisett"

On Tuesday, **July 16**, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm, the Mattapoisett Woman's Club's will host its 20th annual Taste of Mattapoisett event under the Lions Club's tent in Mattapoisett's Shipyard Park. Come enjoy delicious creations of local restaurants, roam the quaint village area, and explore the historic wharves that are all part of the park.

This rain-or-shine event features Mattapoisett's finest dining locations offering their delectable signature dishes. Included are such delights as their steaming hot chowder, shrimp, sliders, mac & cheese, pizza and

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Jimmy was employed as a master carpenter for Tooth & Nail in Florida.

He was involved in Mixed Martial Arts throughout New England. He earned several title belts on the amateur level before moving to the professional MMA level. He fought for the Cage Titans and worked out at many area gyms throughout the years.

He is survived by his mother, Kathleen; his children, Trace Edward Manning, Austin James Manning, and Kharman Manning; his sisters, Jessica Lee DaLomba, who was his twin, and Kathryn Ann Bird; his stepfather, Fred Lemoine; and his grandparents, Norita and Dick Lemoine, whom he referred to as the Queen and the Commander-in-Chief.

His family would like to extend a special thanks to Coach Craig Sherman, who was a strong, positive influence in Jimmy's life.

His visitation will be held on Thursday July 11th from 4-8 pm at the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Route 6, Mattapoisett, with his funeral service starting at 7:30 pm. For online condolence book, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

If you have a notice you would like to have included in the Obituaries section, please contact our office at: 508 758-9055, or by email at office@wanderer.com.

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The Town of Marion held its Independence Day parade on July 4 along Spring Street in front of the Town House. Photos by Jared Melanson and Shawn Sweet

Sippican Woman's Club "Walkers" resting at the Moon Gate on Water Street, Marion. In the foreground and photographer is Charlotte Canelli. From left: Nancy Doyle, Jeanne Bruen, Carolyn Kenney and in the back, Ellen Johnston. Club members meet at our clubhouse, 152 Front Street, at 9:00 am on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. See our website www.sippicanwomensclub.org.



Ruth A. Griffin shared this photo of the view of the Mattapoissett Harbor from Ship Lane.



Chris Podrecca and Abby Martin visited Ozone Falls in Tennessee on the 4th of July with The Wanderer.

These photos and more are available online at www.wanderer.com

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Avoid parking problems and hop the free shuttle bus service that will be running from 4:30 to 7:00 pm between the parking lots at St. Anthony's Church and the Mattapoisett Town Beach to/from Shipyard Park.

All proceeds from A Taste of Mattapoisett benefit the Mattapoisett Woman's Club's Scholarship Fund, public programs and community outreach. For questions or membership in the Mattapoisett Woman's Club, go to www.mattapoisettwomansclub.org/info.

Turning Point

Turning Point, the day resource center of the Wareham Area Committee for the Homeless (WACH), celebrated the opening of their "new" location for Baby Point last Thursday. A Turning Point service that helps young families in need, Baby Point's "new" location is actually just a set of stairs away from its former location at 3 Viking Drive. The expanded area fills much of the lower level of the Turning Point facility with shelves of products for babies,

including areas for clothing and shoe donations.

"While it's still a 'work in progress', says Chuck McCullough, WACH

President, "it

gives us more space to organize and accommodate the increase of client families seeking assistance for Baby Point services in this challenging economy." A bonus for WACH is that the space that formerly housed Baby Point will now accommodate additional workstations in support of the



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MOVIE REVIEW

Nostalgia

By Rob Gonsalves
www.robsmovievault.com

***Beverly Hills Cop: Axel F.* Starring Eddie Murphy and Taylour Paige. Directed by Mark Molloy. Running time: 118 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Now streaming on Netflix.**

Not only has it been forty years since the original *Beverly Hills Cop*, which solidified Eddie Murphy's megawatt stardom. It's also been thirty years since we've seen Murphy as his fast-talking Detroit cop transplanted to 90210, Axel Foley. Now, you'd be forgiven for forgetting 1994's *Beverly Hills Cop 3* existed; it revealed a depressed Murphy near rock bottom, and it lacked the quiriness of *Cop 1* and the slick bombast of *Cop 2*. But now, following *Coming 2 America*, Murphy returns as Axel in *Beverly Hills Cop: Axel F.*, and it's clear he's in give-the-old-school-fans-what-they-want mode (next up, one assumes, are *Yet Another 48 HRS* and *Trading Places Again*).

The movie is empty as can be, with series cameos meant to jazz the fans: Judge Reinhold, John Ashton, Paul Reiser, even Bronson Pinchot; if Gilbert Gottfried were alive he might've turned up too. But Murphy has regained the twinkle in his eye and reconnected with Axel's love of mocking imposture in the city where everyone gets what they want by pretending to be what they want. Axel finds himself back in Beverly Hills when his grown daughter Jane Saunders (Taylour Paige), a lawyer, takes on the case of a young guy wrongly accused of a cop killing and runs afoul of dirty cops (led by Kevin Bacon, his vulpine grin shining).

This involves a number of loud, destructive car pursuits even before Axel makes it out of Detroit. *Beverly Hills Cop: Axel F* went straight to Netflix and bypassed theaters, though director Mark Molloy stages the big scenes with a roughneck vigor that might've looked fine on a big screen. As usual with these things, there are more blood and gunshot wounds than you'd think a comedy could bear, betraying the franchise's origins as a vehicle for Sylvester Stallone. (Apparently Sly's *Beverly Hills Cop* would've looked more like *Cobra*.) We don't worry too much about Axel, especially since Murphy has been talking about a *fifth* movie in the series.

If there's something real here it's Axel's sad regret over his estrangement from his daughter, and Murphy skillfully, wordlessly puts that across when Axel first sees Jane after five years. The movie doesn't dwell on it — this isn't Russian literature. But the family connection gives Axel a legitimate reason to be there, even though he probably shouldn't even be on the force any more. (The returning cast is full of guys in their sixties and seventies,



many of whom do their share of gunplay.) The new blood, Paige and Joseph Gordon-Levitt as a cop once involved with Jane, do what they can with what they're given. A couple of other amusing cameos (I won't spoil them) pack the zing that Bronson Pinchot's return as Serge should have but sort of lacks. Smaller bits work better: Nasim Pedrad scores as an eager realtor; Suzanne Ford has a fun little turn giving credit to her chihuahua for a bust. A quick scene with Affion Crockett as a country-club valet Axel tries to bull his way past gets some of the old juices flowing.

Some folks may feel more nostalgia for this franchise than I do. Seeing these characters back in action together didn't spark much of a response from me; the actors seem committed enough — a change from the "low-energy" Murphy that Pinchot described encountering in *Cop 3* — but the story, which could've been told in 1986, necessarily doesn't hook much into modern relevance. What the movie really could've used, after the scenes he stole in *Dolemite Is My Name* and *Coming 2 America*, is Wesley Snipes (who gets slyly name-checked here anyway). He gave fresh performances in those two Murphy films, and he would've jump-started some scenes here, though I'm not sure where he would've fit.

Beverly Hills Cop: Axel F isn't bad, but it's not as though the franchise had a great height to fall from. Directing the original film, Martin Brest enjoyed the acting teamwork; a lot of it just expanded on the scene in *48 HRS* when Murphy bluffed his way through a white country-western bar, but the rapport between Murphy and various hungry comedians or reliable character actors crackled. All I remember from Tony Scott's *Cop 2* is a certain concussive and meretricious devotion to smashing things up. *Axel F* is at least better than *Cop 3*, but it feels more like a Tony Scott film, with snowplows bashing through cars and a truck ramrodding into a mansion. Maybe the real source of nostalgia here is the era when a movie like this would've been released in thousands of multiplexes on Fourth of July weekend and cleaned up. We're not in that world any more, and neither is Murphy, who hasn't fronted a theatrical release in eight years. The great and famous escapee from TV to movies is stuck back on our TVs.

ongoing growth of the organization. "It allows enhanced privacy for everyone involved", comments McCullough. An additional benefit is that the new Baby Point headquarters can be accessed by driving around the back of the building, eliminating the need to use stairs. "We're pleased to be able to accommodate a growing need in our community safely and efficiently," adds McCullough.

Turning Point Day Resource Center is an all-volunteer organization committed to helping this area's neighbors most in need. Turning Point Wareham is a social service agency that provides supportive services to individuals and families who are facing various life challenges and are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. In addition to housing assistance, Turning Point also helps with heat and utility bills, access to emergency food and clothing, essential baby items, employment information, referrals to treatment centers and more. In addition to holiday outreach programs, Turning Point also manages Baby Point. The Wareham Area Committee for the Homeless (WACH), a 501c3 nonprofit organization d/b/a/Turning Point, serves homeless and near homeless people in the communities of Wareham, Carver, Marion, Mattapoisett, Rochester, Middleboro and Buzzards Bay.

The Mattapoisett Museum

Discover a gem in our own backyard - The Mattapoisett Museum. On Wednesday, **July 24** from 6:30-7:30, come to the Mattapoisett Free Public Library and hear Connor Gaudet, curator of the Mattapoisett Museum, give a free presentation about our local history museum. The Museum is housed in an 1821 church building with attached replica carriage house. Learn about life in our unique town from past to present. Gaudet will speak about the Museum's history, collections, and the new Summer Exhibit, Wanderer 100: The Afterlife and Legacy of Mattapoisett's Last Whaler. Hear about recent exhibits and a very recent donation of a carved replica of the last whaling ship built in Mattapoisett, The Wanderer. Also learn about the wide range of programs the Museum offers. The Library is located at 7 Barstow Street and all are welcome.



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A Night at the Movies That's Out of This World

On Friday, **July 12**, the Marion Concert Band begins its Friday evening concert series with a program of music based on two themes. The first half of the program will feature soundtrack music from a variety of motion pictures and TV shows. The second half of the program will be feature movie music with a "space" theme. The program is as follows:

American Legion March - C. Parker
Parade of the Charioteers (from Ben Hur) - M. Rozsa
Concertino for Clarinet - Carl Maria von Weber
Daniel Moniz, clarinet
Hooray for Hollywood - arr. W. Barker
The Sounds of Hollywood - J. Higgins
Prime Time Toon Revue - arr. T. Ricketts
Bond...James Bond - arr. S. Bulla
Pure Imagination (Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory) - A. Newley
Jurassic Park Soundtrack Highlights - J. Williams
Star Trek Through the Years - J. Moss
Dr. Who: Through Time and Space - M. Gold
Theme from E.T. - J. Williams
The Trombone King - K. L. King

Daniel Moniz, clarinet soloist, performs regularly with several local ensembles. He is the principal clarinetist of the UMass Dartmouth Wind Ensemble and a member of the Swansea Community Musicians. He performs regularly with the St. Cecilia Philharmonic Band from Fall River and has been a member of the Marion Concert Band since 2005.

The concert will be held at the Robert Broomhead Bandstand, Island Wharf off Front Street in Marion. The program, under the direction of Tobias Monte, will begin at 7:00. All concerts are free and open to the public. "Like" us on Facebook at "Marion Town Band" for up-to-date announcements and rain cancellation notices.

St. Philip's Episcopal Church

This Sunday at St. Philip's Episcopal Church, next to the Town Beach in Mattapoisett, the visiting clergy will be The Rev. William Locke, Assisting Priest of St. Stephen's in Providence, RI. Services using the 1928 Book



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10 Weighing devices
16 Hostility halter
20 Preach from place to place, perhaps
21 Arm bones
22 Nights before
23 People who yearn to take part in a lunar landing?
25 "Tall" story
26 Wd. division
27 Scratch, e.g.
28 Give help to
29 Divvy up
30 An award-winning new device?
38 With little space in between
40 Crosswalk user, in brief
41 "Hear, hear!"
42 "I refuse to repeatedly forgo this rule for you?"
48 Scratch (out)
49 Cartoon "Explorer"
50 Ruby-colored

- 51 Notes after sol
55 Boxing weapons
58 Wild, irrational talk of the highest quality?
64 Be a suitor of
66 Great delight
67 New Delhi-based flag carrier
68 Greek city near Athens
72 Traffic tangle
74 Symbolize
75 Plan to pay later, as for bar drinks
77 Go very fast
79 Gaming cube
80 Vacillate about building a hydroelectric structure?
83 Spandex brand
87 Polar vehicle
88 Age
89 Couples
91 "Inferno" director
92 Venue for a large conference?
99 1987 Hoffman-Beatty film

- 103 Mex. matron
104 Gofers' tasks
105 Football passer who hasn't eaten all day?
111 Swing's Shaw
112 Liquid in un lac
113 Wee bit
114 4G — (cellphone standard)
117 Wee bit
118 Booking to stay at a humble hut?
125 Sacked out
126 Tot's bodysuit
127 Entered surreptitiously
128 That gal's
129 Letter-shaped metalworking grooves
130 Alienates

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- 1 Unleashes (on)
2 "That's my goal"
3 Telephone sounds
4 Stamped thing: Abbr.
5 Look at
6 Part of ETA: Abbr.

- 7 "Leaving — Vegas"
8 Wee particles
9 Make lean, as meat
10 "Quiet down!"
11 Actor's nudge
12 Jordan's capital
13 Pope before Benedict III
14 Eat away at
15 Ungodliness
16 Oinker kept at home
17 "Elena of —" (Disney series)
18 Pop diva
19 Fearsome fly
24 Common motif
29 Antlered male
31 Pres. after FDR
32 Comics cry
33 Ran, as colors
34 "Beauty is in the — the beholder"
35 Not many
36 Lupino of old Hollywood
37 Writer Anaïs
38 B-G linkup
39 Trickster god
43 Stiffly formal

- 44 R&B singer
45 Writer Levin
46 Aloe —
47 Actor Elba
51 Actress Laura
52 Me, myself —
53 9-to-5er's cry of relief
54 "Oho, old chap!"
56 Interwoven
57 Sub tracker
59 Painter Max
60 Pathogenic bacterium, for short
61 Factor of nine
62 Rainless
63 Night watch
65 Filmmaker Preminger
68 Dairy animals
69 Iridescent gemstone
70 Dream, in French
71 "— got a deal for you!"
73 Caused
76 Swiss capital
78 Sunup
81 Maze-running rodent
82 U-Haul renter
84 Sounding like a potato chip bag
85 Big crucifix
86 Writers Rule and Radcliffe

- 90 Belgrade native
92 Cover with tar
93 "... — quit!" (threat ender)
94 Columbus sch.
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97 Gun rights org.
98 Tic-toe linkup
99 Book before Jeremiah
100 Disco flasher
101 "Mad" man of Wonderland
102 Basic chords
106 Some garish lights
107 Judicial mallet
108 Spanish for "cheese"
109 French for "cup"
110 Parades
115 Carry along
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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your Arian leadership qualities can help bring order out of confusion, whether it's on the job or at home. But be careful to guide, not goad, others into following you.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Applying a more personal view to a job-linked issue could help provide better insight into persistent problems. Use your keen Taurean logic to cut through the double talk.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Taking some time off could be the best way to get through a seemingly endless round of demands. You'll return refreshed and ready to tackle things from a new perspective.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Restoring a sagging professional relationship takes a lot of effort. By all means, state your position. But also make sure that you pay close attention to the other person's point of view.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A hot prospect intrigues the Big Cat, who is always on the prowl for a promising investment. But be careful that this "promise" has a chance of being kept. Check it out more carefully.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A friend could use some of your compassion and concern. If they don't ask for help, be sure that you step up and make the first move. Also, check out a new career possibility.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You might have difficulty getting your opinions heard because of all the noise being made by the other side. But hang in there. Others should line up with you once they learn the facts.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Offering to help a colleague is commendable. But before you commit your time and effort, check to see if this person's situation is all that they have led you to believe it is.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You should soon be seeing positive results from your recent efforts on behalf of a family member. On another matter, check that you have all the facts regarding a job assignment.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your aspects favor closer family relationships this week. Take time for visits, whether in person, by phone, by mail or in cyberspace. Let them know how important they are to you.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A missed opportunity isn't always a negative. Maybe your instincts are telling you not to rush into something you "thought" was worthwhile. Make time for family this weekend.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your sense of humor helps you get through a tricky situation. But some stick-in-the-muds might not be so willing to make the changes that you and others agree are necessary.

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of Common Prayer will be held at 8:00 am and 10:00 am. The 140-year-old tradition of inviting clergy at St. Philip's continues through Labor Day. All are welcome to attend.

MWC Pie & Bake Sale

On Saturday, **July 20**, as part of the Mattapoisett Lions Club's annual Harbor Days Festival, the Mattapoisett Woman's Club's will offer its annual homemade Pie and Pastry Sale under the Lions Club's Big White Tent. The event runs from 9 am until all the items are sold.

You are guaranteed to find that a delicious selection of homemade pies, breads, muffins, and cookies is available to take home with you, all of which will tickle your taste buds.

The Pie and Bake Sale is a rain or shine event with all proceeds benefitting the Mattapoisett Woman's Club's Scholarship Fund, public programs and community outreach. For questions, more information, or a membership application, please go to www.mattapoisettwomansclub.org.

Free Jazz Concert This Friday

Since its inception in 2017, the Buzzards Bay Musicfest Swing Band has delighted audiences with jazz from different eras, genres, styles and origins. The commonality is the energetic and experienced approach of the instrumentalists as they interpret the truly American art form that is not only historically significant, but deeply rooted in the souls of all who appreciate good music. From a veteran of the Tony Bennett Band to a Berklee College of Music Professor and from the former piano accompanist for Sheila Jordan to the former drummer of the Artie Shaw Band, these ten artists and improvisors exhibit the spirit of the constantly evolving jazz tradition. Please come to hear the band pay homage to three jazz masters of the mid-Twentieth Century: Miles Davis, Thelonius Monk and Charles Mingus. The program "Miles, Monk and Mingus" will be presented on Friday, **July 12**, 7:30 pm, at the Fireman Performing Arts Center on the campus of Tabor Academy, 245 Front Street, Marion. Free admission. Please visit www.buzzardsbaymusicfest.com/ for more detailed information.

RHS Yard Sale

The annual Rochester Historical Society yard sale will be held on Saturday, **August 3** and Sunday, **August 4**. Saturday hours are 9-3 and Sunday is 10-2. As always, we will be at the museum at 355 County Road, Rochester.

All items must be clean and ready for sale. We are a small nonprofit with limited staff and it isn't any easier for us to get rid of soiled, broken or unusable items. When dropping off, drive completely around the museum to the door on the cemetery side. The driveway goes completely around the building.



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<p>MATTAPOISETT SELF STORAGE, Inc. SELF STORAGE FACILITY AUCTION SALE PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>Mattapoisett Self Storage Operator's Sale for non-payment of Storage Charges pursuant to the power of sale contained in M.G.L. Chapter 105A, Section 4. The following property will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 am on July 26, 2024 on the premises of Mattapoisett Self Storage, 7 Industrial Drive, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. All household furniture, trunks, books, clothes, appliances, tools, antiques, miscellany held for: Shaun Ensor, Unit E048; Nadine Jones, Unit C095. Sale per order of Mattapoisett Self Storage. Tel: 508-758-4311. Terms: Cash. Units sold by the entirety. Sale is subject to postponement and/or cancellation. www.StorageAuctionSolutions.com Lic # 350. 7/4, 7/11</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoisett Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the following Applications and Petitions. ALL meetings held in the Mattapoisett Town Hall Conference room; 16 Main Street (unless otherwise noted) New format of meetings; start time is 6:00 pm ***** Meeting will be held on July 18, 2024*****</p> <p>Case #1540: Application of: Christian A Farland, 154 Huttleston Avenue, Fairhaven, MA 02719 RE:11 Nantucket Drive. The applicant is seeking a Variance under section 3.11.7.5 as provided by Section 7.2.3. of the Zoning By-Laws to request relief from a setback issue in a special residential development. Front/setback variance of 18' (verses 20' required) due to stairs.</p> <p>The property is further described as Plot 13.0, Lot 106.22, on the Assessors map. The meeting will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, July 18, 2024.</p> <p>Case #1541: Application of: Edward S & Sarah E Calder, 13 Shipyard Lane, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 RE:13 Shipyard Lane. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under section 3.2.2 as provided by Section 7.2.3. of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to build a 1120 Square foot garage.</p> <p>The property is further described as Plot 9, Lot 249 on the Assessors map. The meeting will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, July 18, 2024.</p> <p>Case #1542: Application of: Diane M Mello, 4 Spruce Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 RE:4 Spruce Street (Harbor Beach). The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under section 3.1.2.2 as provided by Section 7.2.3. of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to build an addition and alter the existing space for year-round living.</p> <p>The property is further described as Plot 4, Lot 124 on the Assessors map. The meeting will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, July 18, 2024.</p> <p>CONTINUANCE: Case # 1539: Petition of Neil A Lafaivre, 81 South Main Street, Berkely, MA. 02779. RE:1Starboard Way. The applicant is seeking a Variance under sections 6.3.3 and 6.5 as provided by Section 7.2.3 of the Zoning By-Laws to request a height and setback extension. The property is further described as Plot 12, Lot 36 on the Assessor's map. The hearing will be held at The Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday</p>	<p>July 18, 2024.</p> <p>Complete applications and plans as filed are available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk during normal office hours.</p> <p>Sincerely, Susan Akin, Chairperson Tony Tranfaglia, Kenneth Pacheco, Colby Rottler, Jordan Rodrigues 7/4, 7/11</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 22, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on a Notice of Intent submitted by Lawrence & Charlot Oliveira, PO Box 1894, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The proposed project is to construct a single-family home with amenities that include a gravel drive, deck and outdoor shower. The house is located within the 100' buffer of the coastal bank and in the VE flood zone of Mattapoisett Harbor. The project is located at 0 Starboard Way, and is further identified as Lot 41 on Assessor Map 12.</p> <p>**Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 7/11</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION BOARD OF HEALTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Board of Health will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, July 25, 2024, at 4:40 pm in the meeting room of the Marion Town House at 2 Spring Street on the variance request submitted by G.A.F. Engineering, Inc. pertaining to the property located at 806 Mill Street, further identified as Map 17, Lots 12 & 15A.</p> <p>The following variance is requested from the Marion Sanitary Code (MSC): M.S.C. Section 4.180: Septic System Denitrification Regulation: Request a Variance to not install a Denitrification system.</p> <p>The following variance is requested from Title 5 of the State Environmental Code: 310 CMR 15.224(2) and (3): Multiple Compartment Tanks: This section requires the first compartment to be sized for a minimum hydraulic retention time of 48 hours based on the design flow. The first septic tank compartment has a 1,000-gallon capacity. The design flow of 619 gallons per day would require the first compartment to have 1.238 gallons.</p> <p>The second compartment has a 500-gallon capacity. This section requires the second compartment to be sized for a minimum hydraulic retention time of 24 hours based on the design flow. The design flow of 619 gallons per day would require the second compartment to have a capacity of 619 gallons.</p> <p>John B. Howard, MD, Chair 7/11, 7/18</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 22, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on the Request for Determination of Applicability submitted by Jon Ruel, 4 Silver Shell Avenue, Assessors Map 5A, Lot 180 Mattapoisett, MA. The applicant proposes to reconstruct the existing deteriorating deck attached</p>	<p>to the single-family dwelling. **Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 7/11</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 24, at 7:05 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Request for Determination of Applicability submitted by John and Raquel MacFarlane, for installation of six concrete precast piers and a 12ft x 12ft cement block patio at 52 County Road.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lot 14 on Marion Assessors' Map 11. Plans are available at the Town House for review.</p> <p>Matthew Shultz, Chair *Please contact Natasha Molina at nmolina@marionma.gov for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. Phone number will be provided upon request. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 7/11</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 22, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by 6 Shore Drive LLC c/o Andrew Pittman, 302 Newbury St., Boston, MA 02215. The proposed project is to clear brush & vine overgrowth, remove trees and grind stumps, trim branches of remaining trees, mulch areas under trees and loam & seed in remaining areas. Total work area is about 4,200 SF. The project is located at 6 Shore Drive, Harbor Beach, and is further identified as Lot 6 on Assessor Map 4.</p> <p>**Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 7/11</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 12th, 2024, at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall Conference Room and via Zoom, to discuss the proposed changes to the Conservation Fee Schedule. The proposed fee changes are available for review on the Town's website under "News & Announcements", the Commission's webpage, or can be picked up in the Conservation Office at Town Hall. Anyone with questions, concerns, or feedback is invited to attend.</p> <p>Join Zoom Meeting Topic: Mattapoisett Conservation Commission https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85055337840?pwd=Jfh4PRxRb2XxPGWkOWSHD1dHbokhmh.1 Meeting ID: 850 5533 7840 Passcode: 860690 7/11, 7/25</p> <hr/> <p>Place your classified ads 24 hours a day - 7 days a week on-line at www.wanderer.com</p>

These are the dates for drop-off: **July 19, 11-1; July 20, 9:30-11:30; July 23, 1-3** and lastly, **July 30, 10:30-1**. If none of these dates work for you, call me at 617-750-2818 to arrange an alternate time, I won't be available July 25-29.

Please, do not drop off items when no one is at the museum. We will have to then call you to come and retrieve them.

We appreciate everyone who donates saleable items that help us to pay for our winter heating bill.

At the Rochester Historical Society Museum

Join us for a perfect summer evening on **July 17**. First, music with Sheila and Tom Perry and then make your own ice cream sundaes. All of this will be downstairs at the Museum, 355 County Rd., Rochester. We'll start at 7:00. Enter through the door on the right-hand side of the museum.

Upcoming Fun Summer Events at Plumb Library

Do you like pirates? Do you like solving mysteries? Sign up now on our online Events Calendar for Blackbeard's Bounty on Thursday, **July 11** at 6:00 pm. This program is recommended for ages 12 and up but we have opened some spots for ages 10 and 11.

Come meet Mindy LaBranche, ecologist, and Michelle Kirby, Chair of the Snow's Pond Association, for

a guided nature hike at Church's Field (86 Mattapoissett Road, Rochester) on Saturday, **July 13** from 10:30-11:30 am. This trail passes through a mixed hardwood forest and wetlands and includes the Mattapoissett River. Dress for a hike in the woods - good walking shoes and pants. Bring your tick/insect repellent and binoculars if you have them. This program is for ages 10 and up. Registration is required and limited to 20 participants.

The Wareham Gatemen are coming back on Saturday, **July 20** from 10:15-11:00 am, and no registration for this event is required. Stop by to listen to several Wareham Gatemen read a story, share their own stories, and answer questions. Weather permitting, this event will be held outdoors and players will play catch with attendees. Bring your glove and something to autograph.

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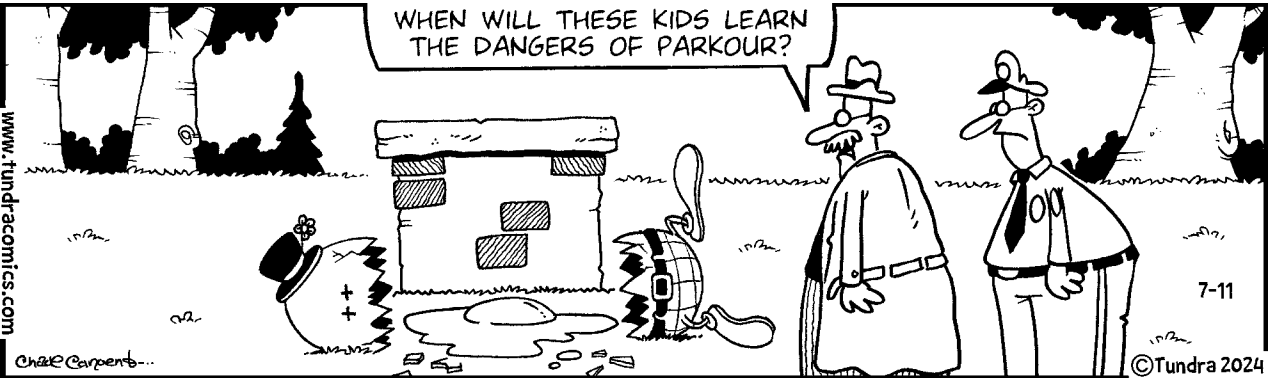
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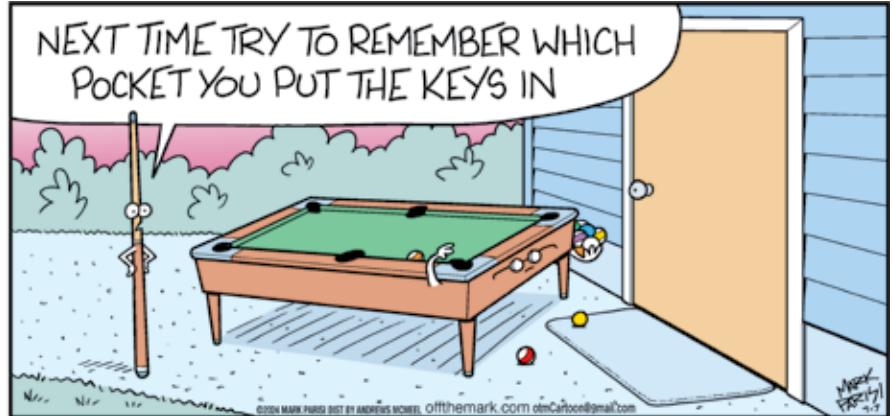
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Congregational Church of Rochester, 11 Constitution Way. A Celebration Party with refreshments will be held on Friday following the final session. Call the church office at 508-763-4314 with any questions.

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society By Connie Eshbach

Some of the earliest toys in colonial New England, including Rochester, were dolls. The three dolls shown in the picture would have been home made using readily available material. The yarn doll on the right could be put together quickly with leftover yarn. This would not be one of the earliest dolls as it first required sheep or some other source of wool and a spinning wheel.

The doll on the left is made of corn husks. These dolls were first seen by settlers in the hands of young girls who were part of the few remaining clusters of Native Americans, still in the lands that the proprietors purchased in 1679. These dolls are fashioned out of actual corn husks that have been soaked in water to make them easier to work with.

Cathy
Phinney,
one of our
living history
reenactors, at
the Historic
Fair in June,
made this doll
and others in
the manner of
a colonial housewife.



The middle doll answers a question from an earlier article. That article had an accompanying picture of a house decorated for Halloween. Among the decorations were cloth ghosts. The doll in our exhibit is not a ghost, but a "church doll". The making of both the ghosts and the church dolls is similar, though the dolls often had more detail.

Colonial Sabbath services were all-day affairs



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- Marion Historice District Study Committee (3)
- Music Hall Advisory Committee
- Scholarship Education Fund Committee (3)
- Trees & Parks Committee (1)

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If you haven't yet had a chance to visit our new exhibit, I hope you watch for an opportunity to do so. You can always get in touch with us (sash48@comcast.net or eshbach2@aol.com) to schedule a visit for yourself or a group. I want to belatedly thank the Rochester Scouts and the Wareham Minutemen Militia for their part in making our Historic Fair with a Colonial Flair a success.

Upcoming Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library

Join us for all ages story times all summer long, every Saturday at 10:30 am, and for Yoga for all ages every Tuesday at 9:30 am.

Meet some farm animals up close with Pine Meadows petting zoo Thursday, **July 11** at 2 pm on the Library Lawn. All welcome.

Learn about the weird, silly, gross, (but scientific) world of poop with Sally Maguire's renowned Poop Museum, Monday **July 15** at 3 pm at the library. At The Poop Museum everyone learns amazing and fun facts about human, animal and insect poop.

Join us for Puppets, Paul & Mary Puppet Show at the Marion Music Hall Wednesday **July 31** at 2 pm. "You, Me, Trees & the Sea" with Puppets, Paul & Mary, is a musical and interactive puppet variety show sure to entertain children and adults from 2-100 years old. Songs, stories, and audience participation will keep you and your littles entertained through the entire show. This program is supported by a grant from the Marion Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

For more information on the Elizabeth Taber Library visit us at www.ElizabethTaberLibrary.org or call us at 508-748-1252

Wanderer100 Exhibit Opening Reception

Please join the Mattapoisett Museum for the opening of our latest exhibition "Wanderer 100: The Afterlife of Mattapoisett's Last Whaler" on Thursday, **July 11** at 6 pm.

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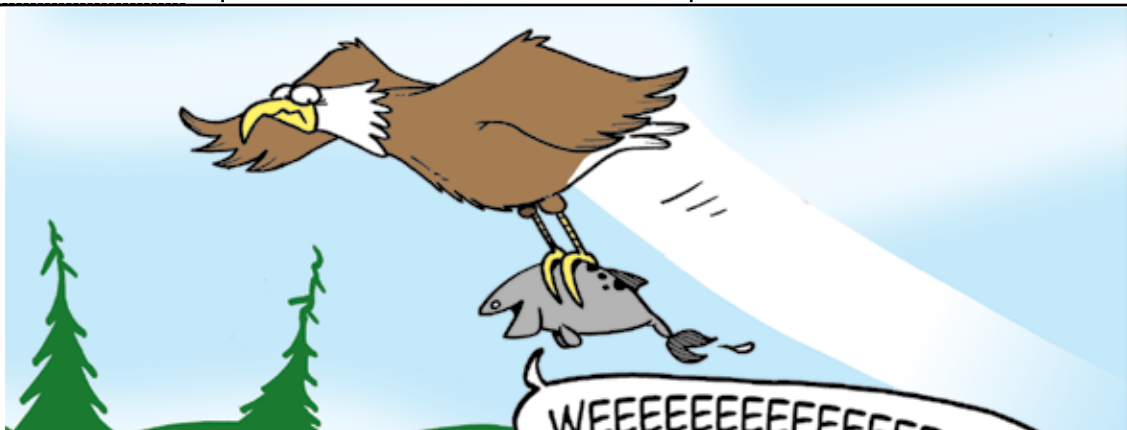
by Dave T. Phipps



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Don't forget to wish these people a Happy Birthday!

Abigail Oldham	July 11
Ann Rogers	July 11
Josh Hathaway	July 11
Joshua Holmes	July 11
Stephen Banno	July 11
August Vincent	July 12
Caitlyn Gagnon	July 12
Nolan Gibbons	July 12
Tennison Furtado	July 12
Brianna Arruda	July 13
Charle G. Chaples	July 13
Hannah Olivia Strom	July 13
Jean Szyndler	July 13
Lucy Milde	July 13
Mabel Calheta	July 13
Manuel C. Costa	July 13
Martha Woodward	July 13
Olivia Major	July 13
Paul Rogers	July 13
Adriana M. Bolduc	July 14
Antone Gomes	July 14
Bob Caulkins	July 14
Dick Duffy	July 14
Jenessa Pateakos	July 15
John Delehanty	July 15
Paul Lambalot	July 15
Stephen Delehanty	July 15
Audrey E. Bradley	July 16
Ellen Leventhal	July 16
Gloria Vincent	July 16
Jameson Cann	July 16
Jillian Callahan	July 16
Jim Price	July 16
Luke Couto	July 16
Maggie Farrell	July 16
Mel Bosworth	July 16
Alexandra Marvel	July 17
Curtis Doherty	July 17
Fionna Furtado	July 17
Francheska Furtado	July 17
Honora-Victoria Scaduto	July 17
Shaun Patrick Murphy	July 17
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Guild of Imagination

The Marion Art Center is hosting the Guild of Imagination for a weeklong session of Dungeons & Dragons this **August 5-9**. The program is led by Patrick Stephens, who has been captivated by tabletop and storytelling games like Dungeons & Dragons since he was a child.

Today, he says, “We’re at a pivotal moment where the traditional game table is evolving. With advancements in virtual reality (VR), digital tabletop platforms and augmented reality (AR) enhancements for our Dungeons & Dragons sessions, storytelling is becoming more immersive than ever. Our Guild is thrilled to explore these

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A PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

O most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me here you are my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to secure me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. O Mary conceived without sin pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (3 times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then you must publish; it will be granted to you. PL

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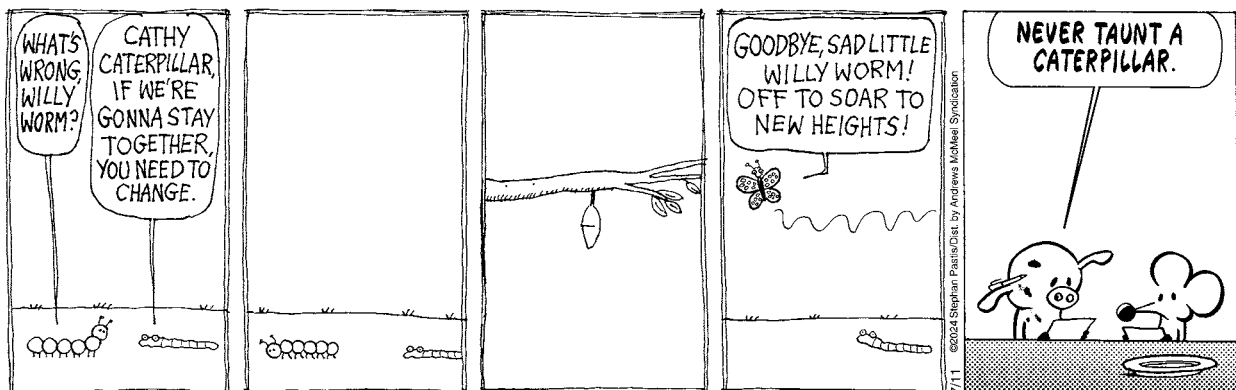
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



emerging technologies, pushing the boundaries of where our shared stories can take us next."

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Sample Schedule

Day 1: Create your character. Players will bring their imaginary heroes to life and design custom miniatures using HeroForge software. They'll be able to download a digital version of this hero for use in the game.

Days 2-4: Embark on an epic quest. Journey to an ancient island touched by dragons, traverse treacherous terrain, negotiate with allies, battle some baddies, and unravel a thrilling mystery alongside fellow adventurers.

Day 5: Experience a climactic finale. Decide the outcome of your heroic journey using a stunning 3-D map and sound effects specially crafted to enhance the storytelling experience. Celebrate the triumphs, setbacks, and memories created throughout the week.

The session runs from Monday, **August 5** through Friday **August 9** from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm daily. The program is suitable for ages 10-15, and costs \$240 for MAC members, or \$275 for nonmembers. Learn more and register online at marionartcenter.org/d-and-d.

July Happenings at the Mattapoissett Library

The Mattapoissett Library has a variety of July happenings for adults and teens.

Join local artist Devin McLaughlin on Saturday, **July 13**, for a fun-filled day of creativity. Devin will begin the morning with a watercolor exploration workshop from 10:30 am to noon and conclude with a step-by-step acrylic painting lesson from 1 to 3 pm. Both programs are recommended for patrons aged 12 and up. Registration is required. Please dress accordingly as paint can be messy.

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Learn everything necessary to start needle felting from The Felted Bee on Tuesday, **July 30**, from 10 am to 12 pm. In this beginner-friendly workshop, participants will learn skills and techniques to create an adorable needle-felted sloth. Tools and materials are included. Recommended for ages 12 and up. Space is limited. Registration is required.

Have you snagged your free Mattapoissett Library swag bag yet? Pick one up while supplies last. And don't forget to grab a Book Bingo card at the circulation desk. The first five participants to get a Bingo score a prize. The first two participants to cover the whole card earn a bigger prize. Don't let this opportunity pass you by.

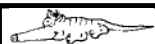
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Local Tides

Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	July 11	12:15	12:48	5:51	6:07
Friday	July 12	12:55	1:30	6:28	7:01
Saturday	July 13	1:35	2:10	7:10	8:06
Sunday	July 14	2:15	2:51	7:58	9:17
Monday	July 15	3:00	3:37	8:51	10:23
Tuesday	July 16	3:54	4:32	9:47	11:18
Wednesday	July 17	4:57	5:31	10:41	
Thursday	July 18	5:58	6:26	12:06	12:01
Friday	July 19	6:52	7:17	12:52	12:24
Saturday	July 20	7:42	8:05	1:39	1:14
Sunday	July 21	8:30	8:52	2:25	2:05
Monday	July 22	9:19	9:40	3:11	2:58
Tuesday	July 23	10:08	10:30	3:53	3:50
Wednesday	July 24	10:59	11:20	4:32	4:42
Thursday	July 25	11:52		5:11	5:35
Friday	July 26	12:14	12:47	5:52	6:36
Saturday	July 27	1:08	1:42	6:38	8:03
Sunday	July 28	2:04	2:39	7:31	9:47
Phases of the Moon		First Quarter	July 13th		
		Full Moon	July 21st		
		Last Quarter	July 27th		
		New Moon	August 4th		



I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

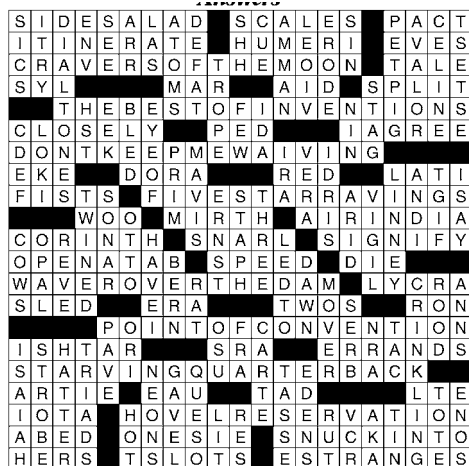
Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer on line and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*

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PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION



SCRAMBLERS

solution

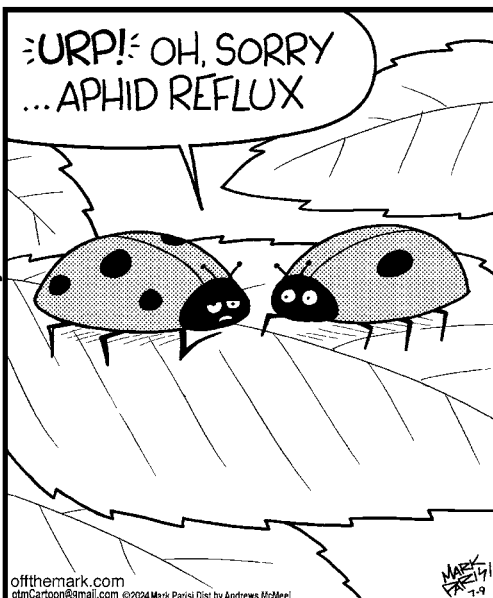
1. Aligns; 2. Angel;
3. Terse; 4. Sprite

Today's Word

SILENT

Sudoku Answer

1	3	2	6	5	9	4	7	8
4	8	7	1	3	2	6	5	9
5	9	6	4	8	7	1	2	3
3	2	1	9	7	5	8	6	4
9	5	8	2	6	4	3	1	7
7	6	4	3	1	8	2	9	5
8	4	9	5	2	6	7	3	1
6	7	3	8	9	1	5	4	2
2	1	5	7	4	3	9	8	6

by Mark Parisi
off the mark

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